

THE TRACIAL ROKHLIN PROPERTY IS GENERIC

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ABSTRACT. We prove several results of the following general form: automorphisms of (or actions of \mathbb{Z}^d on) certain kinds of simple separable unital C^* -algebras A which have a suitable version of the Rokhlin property are generic among all automorphisms (or actions), or in a suitable class of automorphisms. That is, the ones with the version of the Rokhlin property contain a dense G_δ -subset of the set of all such automorphisms (or actions).

Specifically, we prove the following. If A is stable under tensoring with the Jiang-Su algebra Z , and has tracial rank zero, then automorphisms with the tracial Rokhlin property are generic. If A has tracial rank zero, or, more generally, A is tracially approximately divisible together with a technical condition, then automorphisms with the tracial Rokhlin property are generic among the approximately inner automorphisms. If A is stable under tensoring with the Cuntz algebra \mathcal{O}_∞ or with a UHF algebra of infinite type, then actions of \mathbb{Z}^d on A with the Rokhlin property are generic among all actions of \mathbb{Z}^d . We further give a related but more restricted result for actions of finite groups.

0. INTRODUCTION

We prove the following five results, each of which shows that, under suitable circumstances, “most” automorphisms of an (often simple) C^* -algebra (or actions of \mathbb{Z}^d or of a finite group) have a suitable version of the (tracial) Rokhlin property. Specifically, for any separable C^* -algebra A , give $\text{Aut}(A)$ the topology of pointwise norm convergence. This topology comes from a complete metric. (See Lemma 3.2 below.) Using suitable products, we also define complete metric topologies on the set of actions of \mathbb{Z}^d on A for $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and on the set of actions of G on A for a finite group G . Our results are:

- (1) Let A be a simple separable unital C^* -algebra with tracial rank zero in the sense of [14], let Z be the Jiang-Su algebra [9], and assume $Z \otimes A \cong A$. Then there is a dense G_δ -set $G \subset \text{Aut}(A)$ such that every $\alpha \in G$ has the tracial Rokhlin property of [21]. (See Theorem 3.11 below.)
- (2) Let A be a simple separable unital C^* -algebra which is tracially approximately divisible satisfying a possibly redundant technical condition. (In particular, this includes all simple separable unital C^* -algebras with tracial rank zero.) Then there is a dense G_δ -set $G \subset \overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$, the set of approximately inner automorphisms of A , such that every $\alpha \in G$ has the tracial Rokhlin property. (See Theorem 4.17 below.)
- (3) Let A be a separable unital C^* -algebra. Suppose that $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes A \cong A$, or that there is a UHF algebra D of infinite type such that $D \otimes A \cong A$. Then

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there exists a dense G_δ -set in $G \subset \text{Aut}(A)$ such that every $\alpha \in G$ has the Rokhlin property. (See Corollaries 5.14 and 5.16 below.)

- (4) The result of (3) holds for actions of \mathbb{Z}^d for any $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, not just for actions of \mathbb{Z} . (See Theorems 5.13 and 5.15 below.)
- (5) Let G be a finite group of cardinality r , and let D be the r^∞ UHF algebra. The result of (3) holds for actions of G on a separable unital C^* -algebra such that $D \otimes A \cong A$. (See Theorem 5.17 below.)

Some of these results (such as (1), the real rank zero case of (2), and (3)) are a few years old. Others are much more recent, and were added as we realized that more could be gotten from similar methods. The methods can also be used to prove further results of the same general nature, beyond those we consider in this paper.

These results are intended as a partial explanation of the following observation. Among classifiable simple stably finite C^* -algebras (see especially the direct limit classification of [4]), most Elliott invariants correspond to simple C^* -algebras with real rank one and many tracial states. On the other hand, C^* -algebras which people actually construct for other purposes often have real rank zero and very often have a unique tracial state. The connection is that the crossed product of a simple unital C^* -algebra with tracial rank zero by an action with the tracial Rokhlin property necessarily has real rank zero (this follows from Theorem 4.5 of [21]), and often has tracial rank zero (combine Theorems 2.9 and 3.4 of [16]). Moreover, if the original algebra has a unique tracial state, the same is true for the crossed product (Theorem 2.18 of [22]).

Some results of this general nature are known for homeomorphisms of compact metric spaces. The idea that something like our results might be true came from the proof in [5], where it is shown that certain manifolds admit uniquely ergodic minimal diffeomorphisms. The method of proof is to construct a certain set of diffeomorphisms, and to show that the uniquely ergodic minimal diffeomorphisms form a dense G_δ -set in this set.

If X is the Cantor set, then Corollary 4.5(1) of [1] implies that the uniquely ergodic minimal homeomorphisms contain a dense G_δ -subset of the closure of the set of all minimal homeomorphisms in the topology of uniform convergence of the homeomorphisms and their inverses, which corresponds to the topology of pointwise convergence of automorphisms of $C(X)$ and their inverses. See the end of the introduction to [1] for notation, see Definition 1.2 of [1] for the topology τ_w , and see the beginning of Section 3 of [1] for the definition of the set \mathcal{O}_d . However, by Corollary 4.2 of [1], the minimal homeomorphisms of X are nowhere dense in the set of all homeomorphisms of X .

The proof of the result for Z -stable C^* -algebras with tracial rank zero depends on tensoring with an automorphism of Z which has a version of the tracial Rokhlin property. No automorphism of Z can have the tracial Rokhlin property as it is defined in [21], because Z has no nontrivial projections. However, the tensor shift on $\bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} Z$ has a version of the tracial Rokhlin property in which one uses positive elements in place of projections in the definition. For an automorphism of a simple separable unital C^* -algebra with tracial rank zero, this property implies the usual tracial Rokhlin property. The result on the shift may be of independent interest, although one hopes that it has a property strong enough to imply the Rokhlin property in the presence of tracial rank zero.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 1, we introduce the version of the tracial Rokhlin property that we use for the tensor shift on $\bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} Z$, and prove that it implies the tracial Rokhlin property in the presence of tracial rank zero. In Section 2, we prove that the shift does in fact have this property. The results are stated in somewhat greater generality. In particular, they apply to the tensor shift on $\bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A$ when A is simple, unital, infinite dimensional, and has a unique tracial state. However, something much more general ought to be true. Section 3 contains the proof that the tracial Rokhlin property is generic for Z -stable simple C^* -algebras with tracial rank zero, using the results of the first two sections.

In Section 4, we prove the result (2) above, and in Section 5 we prove the results (3), (4), and (5) above. These sections are largely independent of Sections 1, 2, and 3, depending only on the basic setup at the beginning of Section 3 or its analog. In Section 4, the main class of interest is the simple separable unital C^* -algebras with tracial rank zero. The ideas of the proof seem clearer in the context of what we call tracially approximately divisible C^* -algebras; these are the “tracial” analog of the approximately divisible C^* -algebras of [2]. We therefore develop the basic theory of these algebras. Other results can be proved, but we do not yet know other interesting examples, so we do not go farther in this direction. In Section 5, the methods are similar to, but easier than, those of Section 3.

We also mention that it will be proved in [11] that a generic automorphism of a unital approximately divisible AF algebra has the version of the Rokhlin property given in Definition 2.5 of [8].

This paper has some overlap with independent work in Section 3 of [7]. Let A be a separable unital C^* -algebra. It is proved in Theorem 3.4 there that if A is Z -stable, then actions of \mathbb{Z} on A with Rokhlin dimension 1 (see Definition 2.3 of [7]) are generic among all actions of \mathbb{Z} , and that if A is stable under tensoring with a UHF algebra of infinite type, then automorphisms with the Rokhlin property are generic. The second result is our Corollary 5.16 (part of (3) above). It is probably true that if A is simple, unital, and has tracial rank zero, then every action of \mathbb{Z} with finite Rokhlin dimension as in [7] in fact has the tracial Rokhlin property, so that, with work, the first result could be used to give a different proof our Theorem 3.11 ((1) above).

The main part of the proof of Theorem 3.4 of [7] is not very different from our proofs of Proposition 3.10 and Lemma 5.12, which are the main steps in the proofs of Theorems 3.11, 5.13, and 5.15. However, our proofs are arranged differently, and in particular apply to actions of any discrete group for which one has a reasonable definition of some form of the Rokhlin property and an action with this property on a strongly selfabsorbing C^* -algebra, while the proof in [7] seems to be limited to actions of \mathbb{Z} . For example, one could write down a definition of Rokhlin dimension for actions of \mathbb{Z}^d by suitably combining ideas from Definition 2.3 of [7] and Definition 5.4, find an action of \mathbb{Z}^d on Z with finite Rokhlin dimension, and use our method to show that such actions are generic on separable unital Z -stable C^* -algebras.

Let A be a C^* -algebra. For projections $p, q \in A$, we write $p \precsim q$ to mean that p is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a subprojection of q . If A is unital, then $T(A)$ denotes the tracial state space of A , and for a unitary $u \in A$, we denote by $\text{Ad}(u)$ the inner automorphism $a \mapsto uau^*$.

We will use several times the L^2 -norm (or seminorm) associated with a tracial state τ of a C^* -algebra A , given by $\|a\|_{2,\tau} = \tau(a^*a)^{1/2}$. See the discussion before Lemma V.2.20 of [27] for more on this seminorm in the von Neumann algebra context. All the properties we need are immediate from its identification with the seminorm in which one completes A to obtain the Hilbert space H_τ for the Gelfand-Naimark-Segal representation associated with τ , and from the relation $\tau(ba) = \tau(ab)$. In particular, we always have $\|abc\|_{2,\tau} \leq \|a\| \cdot \|b\|_{2,\tau} \cdot \|c\|$. Note that $|\tau(a)| \leq \|a\|_{2,\tau}$, since Cauchy-Schwarz gives

$$|\tau(a)|^2 \leq \tau(a^*a)\tau(1_A^*1_A) = \|a\|_{2,\tau}^2.$$

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1. A GENERALIZATION OF THE TRACIAL ROKHLIN PROPERTY

We recall the definition of the tracial Rokhlin property from Definition 1.1 of [21]:

Definition 1.1. Let A be a stably finite simple unital C^* -algebra and let $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$. We say that α has the *tracial Rokhlin property* if for every finite set $F \subset A$, every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and every nonzero positive element $x \in A$, there are mutually orthogonal projections $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n \in A$ such that:

- (1) $\|\alpha(e_j) - e_{j+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.
- (2) $\|e_j a - a e_j\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and all $a \in F$.
- (3) With $e = \sum_{j=0}^n e_j$, the projection $1 - e$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{xAx} .

We do not say anything about $\alpha(e_n)$.

Definition 1.2. Let A be a separable unital C^* -algebra, let $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$, and let $T \subset T(A)$. We say that α has the *weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to T* if for every finite set $S \subset A$, every $\varepsilon > 0$, and every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, there are $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n \in A$ such that:

- (1) $0 \leq c_j \leq 1$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$.
- (2) $c_j c_k = 0$ for $j, k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ with $j \neq k$.
- (3) $\|\alpha(c_j) - c_{j+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.
- (4) $\|c_j a - a c_j\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and all $a \in S$.
- (5) With $c = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j$, we have $\tau(1 - c) < \varepsilon$ for all $\tau \in T$.

The main differences are that the c_j need not be projections, and that the size of the remainder is explicitly controlled by traces.

This definition is clearly not useful if there are not enough tracial states on A . Even for a simple stably finite separable unital C^* -algebra, the correct property should require, instead of condition (5), that for every nonzero positive element $x \in A$, one can require that $1 - c$ be equivalent in a suitable sense, perhaps in the Cuntz semigroup of A , to an element in the hereditary subalgebra of A generated by x .

Proposition 1.3. Let A be a simple separable unital C^* -algebra with tracial rank zero in the sense of [14] (tracially AF in [13]). Let $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ have the weak tracial

Rokhlin property with respect to $T(A)$. Then α has the tracial Rokhlin property (Definition 1.2).

Proof. We verify the condition of Theorem 2.14 of [22]. Thus, let $S \subset A$ be finite and let $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ so small that $4\sqrt{(2n+3)\varepsilon_0} + 5\varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon$. Apply Definition 1.2 with S as given, and with ε_0 in place of ε , obtaining elements c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n . For $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$, use the fact that A has real rank zero (Theorem 3.4 of [13]) to choose a projection $p_k \in \overline{c_k A c_k}$ such that $\|p_k c_k - c_k\| < \varepsilon_0$ and $\|c_k p_k - c_k\| < \varepsilon_0$. Then $\|p_k c_k p_k - c_k\| < 2\varepsilon_0$. Arguing as in the proof of Lemma 1.8 of [24] (and noting that here we have $n+1$ elements instead of n), the p_k are orthogonal projections such that $\|p_k - c_k\|_{2,\tau} < \sqrt{(2n+3)\varepsilon_0} + 2\varepsilon_0$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and $\tau \in T(A)$. Along the way, we also get the estimate

$$1 - \sum_{j=0}^n \tau(p_j) \leq 1 - \sum_{j=0}^n \tau(p_j c_j p_j) < (2n+3)\varepsilon_0.$$

Therefore

$$\left\| 1 - \sum_{j=0}^n \tau(p_j) \right\|_{2,\tau} < \sqrt{(2n+3)\varepsilon_0}$$

for $\tau \in T(A)$.

Set $e_k = p_k$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and set $e_0 = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^n p_j$. Then

$$\sum_{j=0}^n e_j = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|e_0 - p_0\|_{2,\tau} < \sqrt{(2n+3)\varepsilon_0}.$$

Thus, in any case, we have $\|e_k - c_k\|_{2,\tau} < 2\sqrt{(2n+3)\varepsilon_0} + 2\varepsilon_0$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and $\tau \in T(A)$.

Now we can verify conditions (1), (2), and (3) of Theorem 2.14 of [22]. Condition (3) has already been done. For the others, let $\tau \in T(A)$. Then for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha(e_k) - e_{k+1}\|_{2,\tau} &\leq \|e_k - c_k\|_{2,\tau \circ \alpha} + \|e_{k+1} - c_{k+1}\|_{2,\tau} + \|\alpha(c_k) - c_{k+1}\| \\ &< 2\left(2\sqrt{(2n+3)\varepsilon_0} + 2\varepsilon_0\right) + \varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

and for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and $a \in S$ we have

$$\|[e_k, a]\|_{2,\tau} \leq 2\|e_k - c_k\|_{2,\tau} + \|[c_k, a]\| < 2\left(2\sqrt{(2n+3)\varepsilon_0} + 2\varepsilon_0\right) + \varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon.$$

An application of Theorem 2.14 of [22] completes the proof. \square

2. TENSOR SHIFTS

The purpose of this section is to give conditions under which the two sided shift on an infinite tensor product of C^* -algebras has the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to an infinite tensor product of copies of the same tracial state. Better results may be possible; one would hope for a result using arbitrary tracial states on the infinite tensor product. If better results are true, they need more work. In the case we are most interested in, that of the Jiang-Su algebra Z , there is a unique tracial state.

Definition 2.1. Let A be a unital C^* -algebra. We define the *minimal shift* on the infinite minimal tensor product $B = \bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A$ as follows. Set $B_n = A^{\otimes 2n}$, the (minimal) tensor product of $2n$ copies of A . (Take $B_0 = \mathbb{C}$.) Define $\varphi_n: B_n \rightarrow B_{n+1}$

by $\varphi_n(a) = 1_A \otimes a \otimes 1_A$ for $a \in B_n$. Identify $B = \varinjlim B_n$ via the maps φ_n . Then take $\sigma: B \rightarrow B$ to be the direct limit of the maps $\sigma_n: B_n \rightarrow B_{n+1}$ defined by $\sigma_n(a) = 1_A \otimes 1_A \otimes a$ for $a \in B_n$.

We define the *maximal shift* on the infinite maximal tensor product in the same manner.

When A is nuclear, we simply refer to the *shift*.

Lemma 2.2. Let $X = [0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}}$, and let $h: X \rightarrow X$ be the shift, given by $h(x)_k = x_{k-1}$ for $x = (x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \in X$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let μ_0 be a Borel probability measure on $[0, 1]$, and let μ be the infinite product measure on X . Suppose $\mu_0(\{t\}) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, there are $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and a closed set $Y_0 \subset [0, 1]^N$ such that the set

$$Y = \prod_{k \leq 0} [0, 1] \times Y_0 \times \prod_{k \geq N+1} [0, 1]$$

has the properties:

- (1) $Y, h(Y), \dots, h^{n-1}(Y)$ are disjoint.
- (2) $\mu(X \setminus [Y \cup h(Y) \cup \dots \cup h^{n-1}(Y)]) < \varepsilon$.

Proof. For each k , let μ_0^k be the product measure on $[0, 1]^k$.

Choose $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $\frac{1}{m} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Set $N = n(m+1) - 1$. Define $E_0 \subset [0, 1]^N$ by

$$E_0 = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \in [0, 1]^N : \min(\{x_k : n|k\}) < \min(\{x_k : n \nmid k\})\}.$$

We claim that $\mu_0^N(E_0) \geq mN^{-1}$. To prove the claim, for $l = 1, 2, \dots, N$ set

$$F_l = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \in [0, 1]^N : x_l < \min(\{x_k : k \neq l\})\}.$$

Further set

$$\Delta = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \in [0, 1]^N : \text{There are } k \neq l \text{ such that } x_k = x_l\}.$$

Fubini's Theorem and the hypothesis $\mu_0(\{t\}) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$ imply that

$$\mu_0^2(\{(x, x) : x \in [0, 1]\}) = 0.$$

It easily follows that $\mu_0^N(\Delta) = 0$. The homeomorphism

$$\sigma_N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = (x_N, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1})$$

preserves μ_0^N and transitively permutes the sets F_l . Therefore they all have the same measure. Since the F_l are disjoint and

$$[0, 1]^N \setminus \Delta \subset \bigcup_{l=1}^N F_l,$$

it follows that $\mu_0^N(F_l) = N^{-1}$ for $l = 1, 2, \dots, N$. Clearly

$$F_n \cup F_{2n} \cup \dots \cup F_{mn} \subset E_0,$$

so the claim follows.

Next, set

$$E = \prod_{k \leq 0} [0, 1] \times E_0 \times \prod_{k \geq N+1} [0, 1].$$

We claim that $h^l(E) \cap E = \emptyset$ for $l = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. Let $x \in E$. Using $1 \leq l < n$ and $N-l \geq mn$ at the second step, $x \in E$ at the third step, and again using $1 \leq l < n$ at the fourth step, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \min(\{h^l(x)_k : 1 \leq k \leq N \text{ and } n \nmid k\}) &= \min(\{x_{k-l} : 1 \leq k \leq N \text{ and } n \nmid k\}) \\ &\leq \min(x_n, x_{2n}, \dots, x_{mn}) \\ &< \min(\{x_k : 1 \leq k \leq N \text{ and } n \nmid k\}) \\ &\leq \min(x_{n-l}, x_{2n-l}, \dots, x_{mn-l}) \\ &= \min(\{h^l(x)_k : 1 \leq k \leq N \text{ and } n \mid k\}). \end{aligned}$$

This shows $h^l(x) \notin E$, and proves the claim.

It follows that $E, h(E), \dots, h^{n-1}(E)$ are disjoint.

Now use inner regularity of μ to choose a compact set $Y_0 \subset [0, 1]^N$ such that $\mu_0^N(Y_0) > \mu(E_0) - \frac{1}{2}n^{-1}\varepsilon$. Define Y as in the statement of the lemma. Clearly $Y, h(Y), \dots, h^{n-1}(Y)$ are disjoint. Also, using the first claim in the proof at the fourth step, $N = n(m+1)-1$ at the fifth step, and the choice of m at the sixth step, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(X \setminus [Y \cup h(Y) \cup \dots \cup h^{n-1}(Y)]) &= 1 - n\mu(Y) = 1 - n\mu_0^N(Y_0) \\ &< 1 - n\mu_0^N(E_0) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq 1 - \frac{nm}{N} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &< \frac{1}{m+1} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

Proposition 2.3. Let A be a unital C*-algebra, and let $\tau_0 \in T(A)$. Suppose that there is $a \in A$ with $0 \leq a \leq 1$ and such that the spectral measure μ_0 on $[0, 1]$, defined by $\int_0^1 f d\mu_0 = \tau_0(f(a))$ for $f \in C([0, 1])$, satisfies $\mu_0(\{t\}) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. Let σ be either the minimal shift or the maximal shift on $B = \bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A$ (minimal or maximal tensor product, as appropriate), as in Definition 2.1. Then σ has the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to the infinite tensor product tracial state τ on B obtained from τ_0 .

Proof. Let $S \subset A$ be finite, let $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Following the notation of Definition 2.1 and using density of the algebraic direct limit, without loss of generality there is $M \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $S \subset B_M = A^{\otimes 2M}$. Identify $C([0, 1]^\mathbb{Z})$ with the infinite tensor product $\bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} C([0, 1])$ of Definition 2.1 by identifying

$$C([0, 1])^{\otimes 2n} = C([0, 1]^{\{-n+1, -n+2, \dots, n-1, n\}})$$

in the obvious way. Let $h: [0, 1]^\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0, 1]^\mathbb{Z}$ be the shift, as in Lemma 2.2, and let $\gamma: C([0, 1]^\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow C([0, 1]^\mathbb{Z})$ be the shift as in Definition 2.1, so that $\gamma(f) = f \circ h^{-1}$ for $f \in C([0, 1]^\mathbb{Z})$. Let μ be the infinite product measure on $[0, 1]^\mathbb{Z}$ as in Definition 2.1, and let ω be the corresponding tracial state on $C([0, 1]^\mathbb{Z})$. Define $\varphi_0: C([0, 1]) \rightarrow A$ by functional calculus: $\varphi_0(f) = f(a)$ for $f \in C([0, 1])$. Then there is an induced infinite tensor product homomorphism $\varphi: C([0, 1]^\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow B$, which satisfies $\varphi \circ \gamma = \sigma \circ \varphi$ and $\tau \circ \varphi = \omega$.

Apply Lemma 2.2 with μ_0 , μ , and ε as given, and with $n + 1$ in place of n , obtaining $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, a closed set $Y_0 \subset [0, 1]^N$, and the closed set

$$Y = \prod_{k \leq 0} [0, 1] \times Y_0 \times \prod_{k \geq N+1} [0, 1] \subset [0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

as there.

We construct an open set $U_0 \subset [0, 1]^N$ containing Y_0 such that the open set

$$U = \prod_{k \leq 0} [0, 1] \times U_0 \times \prod_{k \geq N+1} [0, 1] \subset [0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

has the property that the sets $U, h(U), \dots, h^n(U)$ are disjoint. To this end, write $Y_0 = \bigcap_{m=0}^{\infty} \overline{V_m^{(0)}}$ for open subsets $V_0^{(0)} \supset V_1^{(0)} \supset \dots$ of $[0, 1]^N$ which contain Y_0 . Set

$$V_m = \prod_{k \leq 0} [0, 1] \times V_m^{(0)} \times \prod_{k \geq N+1} [0, 1] \subset [0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}},$$

giving

$$\overline{V_m} = \prod_{k \leq 0} [0, 1] \times \overline{V_m^{(0)}} \times \prod_{k \geq N+1} [0, 1] \subset [0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

Then, for $0 \leq j < k \leq n$,

$$\bigcap_{m=0}^{\infty} h^j(\overline{V_m}) \cap \bigcap_{m=0}^{\infty} h^k(\overline{V_m}) = h^j(Y) \cap h^k(Y) = \emptyset,$$

so by compactness there is $m_0(j, k)$ such that

$$h^j(\overline{V_{m_0(j,k)}}) \cap h^k(\overline{V_{m_0(j,k)}}) = \emptyset.$$

Set $m_0 = \max_{0 \leq j < k \leq n} m_0(j, k)$, and take $U_0 = V_{m_0}^{(0)}$. This completes the construction.

Choose a continuous function $f_0: [0, 1]^N \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $\text{supp}(f_0) \subset U_0$ and $f_0(x) = 1$ for all $x \in Y_0$. Define $f \in C([0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}})$ by

$$f(\dots, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N, x_{N+1}, \dots) = f_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N).$$

For $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$, define $b_j \in C([0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}})$ by $b_j = \gamma^{M+j}(f)$. Then set $c_j = \varphi(b_j)$.

We verify the conditions of Definition 1.2. Condition (1) is immediate. For condition (2), observe that $b_j = f \circ h^{-M-j}$ satisfies $\text{supp}(b_j) \subset h^{M+j}(U)$, and any $n + 1$ consecutive iterates of U under h are disjoint. For condition (3), we actually have $\|\alpha(c_j) - c_{j+1}\| = 0$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

For condition (4), set

$$C_0 = \bigotimes_{k=-M-N-n+1}^M A \quad \text{and} \quad C_1 = \bigotimes_{k=M+1}^{M+N+n} A.$$

Thus, using the same indexing conventions as in the identification of $C([0, 1]^{\mathbb{Z}})$ with $\bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} C([0, 1])$ near the beginning of the proof, $A^{\otimes 2(M+N+n)} = C_0 \otimes C_1$. Then

$$S \subset C_0 \otimes 1_{C_1} \subset A^{\otimes 2(M+N+n)} \subset B$$

and

$$c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n \in 1_{C_0} \otimes C_1 \subset A^{\otimes 2(M+N+n)} \subset B,$$

so in fact $c_j a = a c_j$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and all $a \in S$.

Finally, for condition (5), we observe that, with $c = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tau(c) &= \sum_{j=0}^n \tau(\varphi(b_j)) = \sum_{j=0}^n \omega(b_j) \\ &\geq \mu(Y \cup h(Y) \cup \dots \cup h^{n-1}(Y)) > 1 - \varepsilon.\end{aligned}$$

So $\tau(1 - c) < \varepsilon$. \square

Lemma 2.4. Let $f \in C([0, 1])$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\delta > 0$ such that whenever A is a unital C^* -algebra, $\tau \in T(A)$, and $a, b \in A$ satisfy $0 \leq a, b \leq 1$ and $\|a - b\|_{2,\tau} < \delta$, then $\|f(a) - f(b)\|_{2,\tau} < \varepsilon$.

Proof. We claim it suffices to prove this when f is a polynomial. Indeed, given f arbitrary and $\varepsilon > 0$, choose a polynomial $g \in C([0, 1])$ such that $\|f - g\| < \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon$, get $\delta > 0$ by applying the result for g with $\frac{1}{3}\varepsilon$ in place of ε , and observe that

$$\|f(a) - f(b)\|_{2,\tau} \leq \|f(a) - g(a)\| + \|g(a) - g(b)\|_{2,\tau} + \|g(b) - f(b)\|.$$

It is now clearly enough to prove the result for the case $f(t) = t^n$. The case $n = 0$ is trivial. Otherwise, take $\delta = \varepsilon^2$. Using selfadjointness at the first step, using Cauchy-Schwarz at the second step, and using $-1 \leq a - b \leq 1$ at the fifth step, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|f(a) - f(b)\|_{2,\tau}^2 &= \tau((a - b)(a - b)^{2n-1}) \leq \tau((a - b)^2)^{1/2} \tau((a - b)^{4n-2})^{1/2} \\ &= \|a - b\|_{2,\tau} \|(a - b)^{2n-1}\|_{2,\tau} \leq \|a - b\|_{2,\tau} \|(a - b)^{2n-1}\| \\ &< \delta = \varepsilon^2,\end{aligned}$$

so $\|f(a) - f(b)\|_{2,\tau} < \varepsilon$. \square

The following lemma should be known, but we have not found a reference.

Lemma 2.5. Let (X, μ) be a finite measure space which is nonatomic in the sense that for every measurable set $E \subset X$ with $\mu(E) > 0$, there exists a measurable set $F \subset E$ with $0 < \mu(F) < \mu(E)$. Let $E \subset X$ be measurable, and suppose $0 \leq \alpha \leq \mu(E)$. Then there exists a measurable set $F \subset E$ with $\mu(F) = \alpha$.

Proof. We first claim that for every measurable set $E \subset X$ with $\mu(E) > 0$, there exists a measurable set $F \subset E$ with $0 < \mu(F) \leq \frac{1}{2}\mu(E)$. Indeed, choose $F_0 \subset E$ with $0 < \mu(F_0) < \mu(E)$. If $\mu(F_0) \leq \frac{1}{2}\mu(E)$ take $F = F_0$, and otherwise take $F = E \setminus F_0$.

Iterating this argument, we find that for every measurable set $E \subset X$ with $\mu(E) > 0$, and every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a measurable set $F \subset E$ with $0 < \mu(F) < \varepsilon$.

Now let $E \subset X$ satisfy $\mu(E) > 0$, and set

$$S = \{\mu(F) : F \subset E \text{ measurable}\}.$$

We claim that S is dense in $[0, \mu(E)]$, and we prove this by showing that S is ε -dense in $[0, \mu(E)]$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$. So let $\varepsilon > 0$. Let \mathcal{M}_0 be the set of all measurable subsets $F \subset E$ such that $\mu(F) < \varepsilon$, and let \mathcal{M} be the set of all countable unions of elements in \mathcal{M}_0 . Set

$$\beta = \sup(\{\mu(B) : B \in \mathcal{M}\}).$$

Our first step to show that there exists $B \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $\mu(B) = \beta$. Choose $B_n \in \mathcal{M}$ such that $\mu(B_n) > \beta - \frac{1}{n}$, and take $B = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$. Then $B \in \mathcal{M}$, so $\mu(B) \leq \beta$, while $\mu(B) \geq \mu(B_n) > \beta - \frac{1}{n}$ for all n . So $\mu(B) = \beta$.

Next, if $\mu(B) < \mu(E)$, applying the second claim to $E \setminus B$ gives $F \subset E \setminus B$ such that $0 < \mu(F) < \varepsilon$. Then $B \cup F \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\mu(B \cup F) > \beta$. This contradiction shows that $\mu(B) = \beta = \mu(E)$.

Accordingly, there exist measurable sets $F_1, F_2, \dots \in \mathcal{M}_0$ such that $\mu(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k) = \mu(E)$. For $n \geq 0$ set $B_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^n F_k$. Then

$$0 = \mu(B_0) \leq \mu(B_1) \leq \dots \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(B_n) = \mu(E),$$

while $\mu(B_n) - \mu(B_{n-1}) \leq \mu(E_n) < \varepsilon$ for all n . This implies ε -density of S , and hence density.

Finally, we prove the result. If $\alpha = 0$ take $F = \emptyset$. Otherwise, apply the previous claim to E to find $F_1 \subset E$ such that $\alpha - \frac{1}{2} < \mu(F_1) < \alpha$, apply the previous claim to $E \setminus F_1$ to find $F_2 \subset E \setminus F_1$ such that

$$\alpha - \mu(F_1) - \frac{1}{3} < \mu(F_2) < \alpha - \mu(F_1),$$

apply the previous claim to $E \setminus (F_1 \cup F_2)$ to find $F_3 \subset E \setminus (F_1 \cup F_2)$ such that

$$\alpha - \mu(F_1) - \mu(F_2) - \frac{1}{4} < \mu(F_3) < \alpha - \mu(F_1) - \mu(F_2),$$

etc. Then set $F = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$. \square

Lemma 2.6. Let N be a von Neumann algebra with separable predual and no minimal projections, and let τ be a normal tracial state on N . Let $p \in N$ be a projection with $\tau(p) > 0$, and let $0 < \beta < \tau(p)$. Then there exists a projection $q \in N$ with $q \leq p$ such that $\tau(q) = \beta$.

Proof. Suppose that $(N_i)_{i \in I}$ is a family of von Neumann algebras and the result holds for N_i for each $i \in I$. We claim that the result then holds for the von Neumann algebra direct sum $\bigoplus_{i \in I} N_i$. This is easily seen by normalizing the restriction of the tracial state to N_i for each $i \in I$.

By type decomposition, it therefore suffices to prove this separately for von Neumann algebras of type I_n for fixed $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \cup \{\infty\}$, for type II_1 , for type II_{∞} , and for type III. We can ignore types I_{∞} , II_{∞} , and III, because they have no normal tracial states.

We consider the case type I_n for fixed $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Using a direct sum decomposition as at the beginning of the proof, we may reduce to the case that the projection p has constant rank, say m . Thus $\tau(p) = m/n$. We can also assume that there is a finite measure space (X, μ) such that $N = L^{\infty}(X, \mu, M_n)$. Then there is a nonnegative $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$ such that, with Tr denoting the standard (unnormalized) trace on M_n , we have

$$\tau(a) = \frac{1}{n} \int_X \text{Tr}(a(x)) f(x) d\mu(x)$$

for all $a \in N$.

Define $\nu = \frac{1}{n} f \cdot \mu$, so that $\tau(a) = \int_X \text{Tr}(a(x)) d\nu(x)$ for all $a \in N$. The assumption that N has no minimal projections ensures that μ is nonatomic in the sense of Lemma 2.5. We claim that the same is true of ν . So assume $E \subset X$ is measurable and $\nu(E) \neq 0$. Then there is $\varepsilon > 0$ such that the set $Y = \{x \in E : f(x) > \varepsilon\}$ satisfies $\mu(Y) > 0$. Any set $F \subset Y$ such that $0 < \mu(F) < \mu(Y)$ then satisfies $0 < \nu(F) < \nu(Y) \leq \nu(E)$. The claim follows.

As above, our choices imply that $\tau(p) = \frac{m}{n}$. Also $\nu(X) = 1$ and $n\beta/m = \beta/\tau(p) \leq 1$. Use Lemma 2.5 to choose a measurable subset $F \subset X$ such that

$\nu(F) = n\beta/m$. Then the projection

$$q(x) = \begin{cases} p(x) & x \in F \\ 0 & x \in X \setminus F \end{cases}$$

satisfies the conclusion.

It remains to consider the type II₁ case. Let $Z = N \cap N'$ be the center of N , and let $T: N \rightarrow Z$ be the center valued trace (Theorem 8.2.8 of [10]). Proposition 8.3.10 of [10] implies that $\tau \circ T = \tau$. Let $a = (\beta/\tau(p))T(p) \in Z$. By Theorem 8.4.4 of [10] (referring to the proof of Theorem 8.4.3 of [10] for the definition of Δ), there exists a projection $q_0 \in N$ such that $T(q_0) = a$. Theorem 8.4.3(vi) of [10] implies that q_0 is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection $q \leq p$. Clearly $\tau(q) = \tau(q_0) = \beta$. \square

Lemma 2.7. Let N be a von Neumann algebra with separable predual and no minimal projections, and let τ be a normal tracial state on N . Let $a \in N$ satisfy $0 \leq a \leq 1$, and let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exist $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, projections $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m \in N$ such that $\sum_{j=1}^m p_j = 1$ and $\tau(p_j) < \varepsilon$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and distinct $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m \in [0, 1]$, such that the element $b = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j p_j$ satisfies $\|b - a\| < \varepsilon$.

Proof. It follows from Lemma 2.6 that every projection q can be written as $q = \sum_{k=1}^l q_j$ for projections q_j with $\tau(q_j) < \varepsilon$. Since N has real rank zero, we may therefore find $c \in N$ of the form $c = \sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j p_j$ for projections $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m \in N$ with $\sum_{j=1}^m p_j = 1$ and $\tau(p_j) < \varepsilon$ for all j , and with $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_m \in [0, 1]$, such that $\|c - a\| < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$. The only defect is that the μ_j are not necessarily distinct. Choose distinct $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m \in [0, 1]$ such that $|\lambda_j - \mu_j| < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ for all j , and set $b = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j p_j$. \square

Proposition 2.8. Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra. Let τ be a tracial state on A such that, with π_τ being the associated Gelfand-Naimark-Segal representation, the von Neumann algebra $\pi_\tau(A)''$ has no minimal projections. Let $S = \{a \in A: 0 \leq a \leq 1\}$. For $a \in S$ let μ_a be the Borel probability measure on $[0, 1]$ defined by $\int_0^1 f d\mu_a = \tau(f(a))$ for $f \in C([0, 1])$. Then there exists a dense G_δ -set $G \subset S$ such that, for every $a \in G$ and every $t \in [0, 1]$, we have $\mu_a(\{t\}) = 0$.

Proof. Consider a partition $P = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ of $[0, 1]$ with $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = 1$. We write $\text{ord}(P) = n$, and call it the order of P . For $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, let $f_k: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be the continuous function which is linear on each interval $[t_{j-1}, t_j]$, equal to 1 on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$, and equal to 0 on $[0, t_{k-2}]$ and $[t_{k+1}, 1]$ (when these intervals are not empty). Then set $F_P = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\} \subset C([0, 1])$. Further let $U_P \subset S$ be the open set given by

$$U_P = \{a \in S: \tau(f(a)) < 7n^{-1} \text{ for } f \in F_P\}.$$

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, define

$$V_n = \bigcup_{\text{ord}(P)=n} U_P,$$

which is an open subset of S . Let $a \in \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty V_n$. We claim that $\mu_a(\{t\}) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

To prove the claim, let $t \in [0, 1]$ and let $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $7n^{-1} < \varepsilon$. Choose a partition P of order n such that $a \in U_P$. Then there is $f \in F_P$

such that $f(t) = 1$. So

$$\mu_a(\{t\}) \leq \int_0^1 f d\mu = \tau(f(a)) < 7n^{-1} < \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, this proves the claim.

We now claim that V_n is dense. Let $a \in S$, let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $\varepsilon > 0$. We must find a partition P of order n and $b \in U_P$ such that $\|a - b\| < \varepsilon$. It suffices to consider elements a such that there is $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ with $\varepsilon_0 \leq a \leq 1 - \varepsilon_0$, and we may further reduce the size of ε and assume $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$. Let $(H_\tau, \pi_\tau, \xi_\tau)$ be the Gelfand-Naimark-Segal representation associated with τ . We also write τ for the tracial state on $\pi_\tau(A)''$.

Set $\delta = \min(\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \frac{1}{n})$.

Apply Lemma 2.7 in $\pi_\tau(A)''$ with a as given and with δ in place of ε , finding $c = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j p_j \in \pi_\tau(A)''$. We have $\varepsilon_0 - \delta \leq c \leq 1 - (\varepsilon_0 - \delta)$. Without loss of generality $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_m < 1$. For $l = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, choose $k(l)$ such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k(l)} \tau(p_j) \leq \frac{l}{n} < \sum_{j=1}^{k(l)+1} \tau(p_j).$$

Then choose t_l such that $\lambda_{k(l)} < t_l < \lambda_{k(l)+1}$. Set $k(0) = 0$, $k(n) = m$, $t_0 = 0$, and $t_n = 1$. Then $P = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ is a partition of $[0, 1]$ of order n . We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = t_0 &< \lambda_{k(0)+1} < \dots < \lambda_{k(1)} < t_1 < \lambda_{k(1)+1} < \dots < \lambda_{k(2)} < t_2 < \lambda_{k(2)+1} \\ &< \dots < \lambda_{k(n-1)} < t_{n-1} < \lambda_{k(n-1)+1} < \dots < \lambda_{k(n)} < t_n = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since $\tau(p_{k(l-1)+1}) < \delta$, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k(l-1)} \tau(p_j) > \frac{l}{n} - \delta,$$

whence by subtraction

$$\sum_{j=k(l-1)+1}^{k(l)} \tau(p_j) < \frac{1}{n} + \delta \leq \frac{2}{n}.$$

Since each $f \in F_P$ has support contained in the union of three of the intervals $[t_{l-1}, t_l]$, it follows that $\tau(f(c)) < \frac{6}{n}$ for all $f \in F_P$.

Use Lemma 2.4 to choose $\rho > 0$ such that whenever B is a unital C*-algebra and $a, b \in A$ satisfy $0 \leq a, b \leq 1$ and $\|a - b\|_{2,\tau} < \rho$, then $\|f(a) - f(b)\|_{2,\tau} < \frac{1}{n}$ for every $f \in F_P$. Set

$$T = \{x \in A_{sa}: \|x - a\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\}.$$

According to the Kaplansky Density Theorem, $\pi_\tau(T)$ is strong operator dense in

$$\{y \in \pi_\tau(A)'' : \|y - \pi_\tau(a)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\}.$$

In particular, there is $b \in T$ such that $\|\pi_\tau(b)\xi_\tau - c\xi_\tau\| < \rho$. Note that, for $y \in \pi_\tau(A)''$,

$$\|y\xi_\tau\|^2 = \langle y\xi_\tau, y\xi_\tau \rangle = \langle y^*y\xi_\tau, \xi_\tau \rangle = \tau(y^*y) = \|y\|_{2,\tau}^2.$$

Thus $\|\pi_\tau(b) - c\|_{2,\tau} < \rho$. So, using the choice of ρ and $|\tau(a)| \leq \|a\|_{2,\tau}$, we have $|\tau(\pi_\tau(f(b)) - f(c))| < \frac{1}{n}$ for $f \in F_P$. It follows that $\tau(f(b)) < \frac{7}{n}$ for $f \in F_P$. Thus $b \in U_P$. Since $\|b - a\| < \varepsilon$, the proof is complete. \square

Corollary 2.9. Let A be a separable unital C^* -algebra. Let τ_0 be a tracial state on A such that, with π_{τ_0} being the associated Gelfand-Naimark-Segal representation, the von Neumann algebra $\pi_{\tau_0}(A)''$ has no minimal projections. Let σ be either the minimal shift or the maximal shift on $B = \bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A$ (minimal or maximal tensor product, as appropriate), as in Definition 2.1. Then σ has the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to the infinite tensor product tracial state τ on B obtained from τ_0 .

Proof. Using Proposition 2.8, we see that the hypotheses of Proposition 2.3 are satisfied. \square

3. Z -STABLE C^* -ALGEBRAS WITH TRACIAL RANK ZERO

We begin by defining a useful metric on the automorphisms of a separable C^* -algebra.

Notation 3.1. Let A be a separable C^* -algebra. Let $\text{Aut}(A)$ be the set of all automorphisms of A . For any enumeration $S = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ of a countable dense subset of A , we define metrics on $\text{Aut}(A)$ by

$$\rho_S^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \|\alpha(a_k) - \beta(a_k)\| \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_S(\alpha, \beta) = \rho_S^{(0)}(\alpha, \beta) + \rho_S^{(0)}(\alpha^{-1}, \beta^{-1}).$$

The following result is well known. We have been unable to find a reference, so we sketch the proof.

Lemma 3.2. For any S as in Notation 3.1, the metrics $\rho_S^{(0)}$ and ρ_S define the topology of pointwise norm convergence on $\text{Aut}(A)$, that is, the topology in which a net $(\alpha_i)_{i \in I}$ converges to α if and only if $\|\alpha_i(a) - \alpha(a)\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $a \in A$. Moreover, for every such S , the metric ρ_S is complete.

Proof. We first prove that $\rho_S^{(0)}$ defines the right topology. We have to show that if $(\alpha_i)_{i \in I}$ is a net in $\text{Aut}(A)$ such that $\rho_S^{(0)}(\alpha_i, \alpha) \rightarrow 0$, then $\|\alpha_i(a) - \alpha(a)\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $a \in A$. This follows by a standard $\frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ argument from $\|\alpha_i(a_k) - \alpha(a_k)\| \rightarrow 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $\sup_{i \in I} \|\alpha_i\| \leq 1$. To complete the proof of the first statement, it is enough to show that $\alpha_i \rightarrow \alpha$ pointwise implies $\alpha_i^{-1} \rightarrow \alpha^{-1}$ pointwise. For $a \in A$, setting $b = \alpha^{-1}(a)$, we have

$$\|\alpha_i^{-1}(a) - \alpha^{-1}(a)\| = \|\alpha_i^{-1}(\alpha(b) - \alpha_i(b))\| = \|\alpha(b) - \alpha_i(b)\| \rightarrow 0.$$

It remains to prove that $\text{Aut}(A)$ is complete in ρ_S . Let $(\alpha_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ be a Cauchy sequence. Then $(\alpha_n(a_k))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ is a Cauchy sequence for every $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. A standard $\frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ argument shows that $(\alpha_n(a))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ is Cauchy for all $a \in A$. So $\alpha(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(a)$ exists for all $a \in A$. Clearly α is an endomorphism of A . Similarly, $\beta(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n^{-1}(a)$ exists for all $a \in A$, and β is an endomorphism of A .

Now let $a \in A$, and set $b = \beta(a)$. Then

$$\|\alpha(\beta(a)) - a\| \leq \|\alpha(b) - \alpha_n(b)\| + \|\alpha_n\| \cdot \|\beta(a) - \alpha_n^{-1}(a)\|.$$

Both terms on the right converge to 0, so $\alpha(\beta(a)) = a$. Thus $\alpha \circ \beta = \text{id}_A$. Similarly $\beta \circ \alpha = \text{id}_A$. It follows that $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$, and that $\rho_S(\alpha_n, \alpha) \rightarrow 0$. This proves completeness. \square

The metric $\rho_S^{(0)}$ is usually not complete, since in general a sequence of automorphisms can converge pointwise to an endomorphism which is not surjective.

Notation 3.3. Let A be a stably finite simple unital C^* -algebra. For a finite set $F \subset A$, for $\varepsilon > 0$, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and for a nonzero positive element $x \in A$, we define $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x) \subset \text{Aut}(A)$ to be the set of all $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ such that there are mutually orthogonal projections $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n \in A$ with:

- (1) $\|\alpha(e_j) - e_{j+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.
- (2) $\|e_j a - a e_j\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and all $a \in F$.
- (3) $1 - \sum_{j=0}^n e_j$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{xAx} .

Lemma 3.4. Let A be a separable stably finite simple unital C^* -algebra with real rank zero. Then the set of $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ which have the tracial Rokhlin property is a countable intersection of sets of the form $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$.

Proof. Clearly every $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ with the tracial Rokhlin property is in every $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$.

Choose a countable dense subset $S \subset A$, and let \mathcal{F} be the set of all finite subsets of S . Also choose a countable set P of nonzero projections in A such that every nonzero projection in A is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in P . This choice is possible because A is separable and because any two projections $p, q \in A$ with $\|p - q\| < 1$ are necessarily Murray-von Neumann equivalent. Then one easily checks that $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ has the tracial Rokhlin property if and only if

$$\alpha \in \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{p \in P} W(F, \frac{1}{m}, n, p).$$

This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.5. Let A be a stably finite simple unital C^* -algebra. For every finite set $F \subset A$, every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and every nonzero positive element $x \in A$, the set $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$ is open in $\text{Aut}(A)$.

Proof. Let $\alpha \in W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$. Choose mutually orthogonal projections e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n in A such that conditions (1), (2), and (3) in Notation 3.3 hold. Set

$$\delta = \min(\{\varepsilon - \|\alpha(e_j) - e_{j+1}\| : 0 \leq j \leq n-1\}).$$

If $\beta \in \text{Aut}(A)$ satisfies $\|\beta(e_j) - \alpha(e_j)\| < \delta$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, we immediately get $\|\beta(e_j) - e_{j+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. This is the first condition for membership in $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$. Since the other two conditions don't mention the automorphism, we get $\beta \in W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$. \square

The previous two results show that the set of automorphisms with the tracial Rokhlin property is a G_δ -set in $\text{Aut}(A)$. We next show that, for suitable C^* -algebras A , this set is dense. This is harder.

We recall the Jiang-Su algebra Z , from Theorem 2.9 of [9]. It is a simple separable unital C^* -algebra which is not of type I and which has a unique tracial state τ_0 .

Theorem 3.6. The Jiang-Su algebra Z has the following properties:

- (1) The homomorphism $\iota_Z: Z \rightarrow Z \otimes Z$, given by $\iota(a) = 1 \otimes a$, is approximately unitarily equivalent to an isomorphism.
- (2) The infinite tensor product $\bigotimes_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} Z$ is isomorphic to Z .
- (3) Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C^* -algebra with tracial rank zero in the sense of [13] and [14], and which satisfies the Universal Coefficient Theorem (Theorem 1.17 of [26]). Then $Z \otimes A \cong A$.

Proof. For (1), combine $Z \otimes Z \cong Z$ (Theorem 8.7 of [9]) with the fact that any two unital endomorphisms of Z are approximately unitarily equivalent (a consequence of Theorem 7.6 of [9]). Part (2) is Corollary 8.8 of [9] (with different indexing).

For (3), note that Proposition 3.7 of [25] (proved using Lin's classification theorem, Theorem 5.2 of [15]) implies that A is a simple AH algebra with real rank zero and no dimension growth. Now Theorem 2.1 of [3] implies that A is approximately divisible, so that $Z \otimes A \cong A$ by Theorem 2.3 of [29]. \square

Remark 3.7. The C^* -algebras covered by Theorem 3.6(3) are exactly the simple unital AH algebras with real rank zero and no dimension growth, as classified in [4]. One can see this from the proofs of the results used in the proof of Theorem 3.6(3).

Corollary 3.8. There exists $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(Z)$ which has the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to $T(Z)$.

Proof. Combine Theorem 3.6(2) and Corollary 2.9. \square

Lemma 3.9. Let A be an infinite dimensional stably finite simple unital C^* -algebra, and let $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ have the tracial Rokhlin property. Let $u \in A$ be unitary. Then $\text{Ad}(u) \circ \alpha$ has the tracial Rokhlin property.

Proof. Set $\beta = \text{Ad}(u) \circ \alpha$. Let $S \subset A$ be a finite set, let $\varepsilon > 0$, let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $x \in A$ be a nonzero positive element. Apply the tracial Rokhlin property for α with $S \cup \{u\}$ in place of S , with $\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ in place of ε , and with n and x as given. Let e_0, e_1, \dots, e_n be the resulting projections. We claim that these verify the requirements of the definition for S , ε , n , and x . We need only check that $\|\beta(e_j) - e_{j+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\beta(e_j) - e_{j+1}\| &= \|u\alpha(e_j)u^* - e_{j+1}\| \leq \|\alpha(e_j) - e_{j+1}\| + \|ue_{j+1}u^* - e_{j+1}\| \\ &< \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

Proposition 3.10. Let A be a simple separable unital C^* -algebra with tracial rank zero and such that $Z \otimes A \cong A$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$. Then for every finite set $F \subset A$ and every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\beta \in \text{Aut}(A)$ such that:

- (1) β has the tracial Rokhlin property.
- (2) $\|\beta(a) - \alpha(a)\| < \varepsilon$ for all $a \in F$.
- (3) β is approximately unitarily equivalent to α .

Proof. Without loss of generality $\|a\| \leq 1$ for all $a \in F$.

For any unital C^* -algebra B , define $\iota_B: B \rightarrow Z \otimes B$ by $\iota(b) = 1 \otimes b$ for $b \in B$. Using Theorem 3.6(1) and tensoring with id_A , we see that $\iota_{Z \otimes A}: Z \otimes A \rightarrow Z \otimes Z \otimes A$ is approximately unitarily equivalent to an isomorphism. Since $Z \otimes A \cong A$ by hypothesis, it follows that there is an isomorphism $\gamma: A \rightarrow Z \otimes A$ which is approximately unitarily equivalent to ι_A . In particular, there is sequence $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ of unitaries in $Z \otimes A$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n(1 \otimes a)u_n^* - \gamma(a)\| = 0$ for all $a \in A$.

Use Corollary 3.8 to find $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(Z)$ with the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to $T(Z)$. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, define a unitary $v_n \in A$ by $v_n = \gamma^{-1}(u_n \cdot (\varphi \otimes \alpha)(u_n^*))$. Then set $\beta_n = \text{Ad}(v_n) \circ \gamma^{-1} \circ (\varphi \otimes \alpha) \circ \gamma$.

We prove part (1) for β_n for all n . We begin by proving that $\varphi \otimes \alpha$ has the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to $T(Z \otimes A)$ (Definition 1.2). It suffices to consider finite sets consisting of elementary tensors. Thus, let $S \subset Z$ and $T \subset A$

be finite, let $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. We will verify the conditions of Definition 1.2 with

$$\{x \otimes a : x \in S \text{ and } a \in T\}$$

in place of S , and with ε and n as given. Without loss of generality $\|a\| \leq 1$ for all $a \in T$. Let τ_0 be the unique tracial state on Z . Because φ has the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to $\{\tau_0\}$, there exist $d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n \in Z$ such that:

- (1) $0 \leq d_j \leq 1$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$.
- (2) $d_j d_k = 0$ for $j, k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ with $j \neq k$.
- (3) $\|\varphi(d_j) - d_{j+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.
- (4) $\|d_j x - x d_j\| < \varepsilon$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and all $x \in S$.
- (5) With $d = \sum_{j=0}^n d_j$, we have $\tau_0(1-d) < \varepsilon$.

Set $c_j = d_j \otimes 1$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$. The first four conditions of Definition 1.2, which are the analogs of the first four conditions above, are immediate. For the last part, let $\tau \in T(Z \otimes A)$, and use Lemma 2.12 of [9] to write $\tau = \tau_0 \otimes \sigma$ for some $\sigma \in T(A)$. Then

$$\tau \left(1 - \sum_{j=0}^n c_j \right) = \tau_0 \left(1 - \sum_{j=0}^n d_j \right) \sigma(1) < \varepsilon.$$

So $\varphi \otimes \alpha$ has the weak tracial Rokhlin property with respect to $T(A)$.

Since $Z \otimes A$ has tracial rank zero (being isomorphic to A), Proposition 1.3 implies that $\varphi \otimes \alpha$ has the tracial Rokhlin property. Therefore so does $\gamma^{-1} \circ (\varphi \otimes \alpha) \circ \gamma$. So β_n has the tracial Rokhlin property by Lemma 3.9, as desired.

Now let $a \in A$. Then

$$\beta_n(a) = \gamma^{-1}(u_n \cdot (\varphi \otimes \alpha)(u_n^* \gamma(a) u_n) \cdot u_n^*).$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \|\beta_n(a) - \alpha(a)\| &\leq \|u_n^* \gamma(a) u_n - 1 \otimes a\| + \|\gamma^{-1}(u_n \cdot (\varphi \otimes \alpha)(1 \otimes a) \cdot u_n^*) - \alpha(a)\| \\ &= \|\gamma(a) - u_n(1 \otimes a) u_n^*\| + \|u_n(1 \otimes \alpha(a)) u_n^* - \gamma(\alpha(a))\|. \end{aligned}$$

This expression converges to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Substituting the definition of β_n , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(\text{Ad}(v_n) \circ \gamma^{-1} \circ (\varphi \otimes \alpha) \circ \gamma)(a) - \alpha(a)\| = 0.$$

Since $a \in A$ is arbitrary, we have shown that $\gamma^{-1} \circ (\varphi \otimes \alpha) \circ \gamma$ is approximately unitarily equivalent to α . It follows that β_n is approximately unitarily equivalent to α for all n . This is part (3) for β_n .

Now choose $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ so large that $\|u_n(1 \otimes a) u_n^* - \gamma(a)\| < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ for all $a \in F \cup \alpha(F)$, and set $\beta = \beta_n$. The estimate in the previous paragraph shows that part (2) of the conclusion holds, completing the proof. \square

Theorem 3.11. Let A be a simple separable unital C*-algebra with tracial rank zero and such that $Z \otimes A \cong A$. Then there is a dense G_δ -set $G \subset \text{Aut}(A)$ such that every $\alpha \in G$ has the tracial Rokhlin property.

Proof. Let

$$G = \{\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A) : \alpha \text{ has the tracial Rokhlin property}\}.$$

It follows from Lemmas 3.4 and 3.5 that G is a G_δ -set, and from Proposition 3.10 that G is dense. \square

4. C*-ALGEBRAS WITH TRACIAL RANK ZERO WHICH ARE NOT Z -STABLE

It seems to be unknown whether every simple separable unital, but not necessarily nuclear, C*-algebra A with tracial rank zero satisfies $Z \otimes A \cong A$, even if one also assumes that A satisfies the Universal Coefficient Theorem. Even if this is not true, we can still show that the automorphisms with the tracial Rokhlin property are generic among all approximately inner automorphisms. The obstruction to showing that they are generic among all automorphisms is that, as far as we know, it might be possible for the approximate unitary equivalence class of some automorphism to contain no automorphism at all with the tracial Rokhlin property.

The proof uses a much weaker condition, namely tracial approximate divisibility. Writing the proof in terms of tracial approximate divisibility makes the ideas clearer and the formulas simpler. We therefore define tracial approximate divisibility and develop enough of its basic theory to use it in the proof. There are no surprises, so the reader not interested in the details could skip from Definition 4.2 directly to Notation 4.13. (In fact, our proof, in Proposition 4.16, that tracial rank zero implies tracial approximate divisibility also implies the conclusion of Corollary 4.10.) We do take care to give a definition of tracial approximate divisibility which seems likely to be appropriate for use with infinite C*-algebras.

Definition 4.1 (Definition 1.1 of [2]). A finite dimensional C*-algebra is *completely noncommutative* if it has no commutative direct summands, equivalently, no abelian central projections.

The following is a modification of Definition 1.1 of [2], following the pattern used for the definition of tracial rank zero (Definition 2.1 of [13]). This concept, with a formally stronger definition (requiring arbitrarily large matrix sizes and a single summand) has been considered independently in unpublished work of Ilan Hirshberg, who showed that such algebras have stable rank one.

Definition 4.2. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra. We say that A is *tracially approximately divisible* if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, every $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$, and every $y \in A_+$ with $\|y\| = 1$, there exist a projection $e \in A$, a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra D , and an injective unital homomorphism $\varphi: D \rightarrow eAe$, such that:

- (1) $\|\varphi(b)a_k - a_k\varphi(b)\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and all $b \in D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.
- (2) $1 - e$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in yAy .
- (3) $\|eye\| > 1 - \varepsilon$.

The following version is immediately seen to be equivalent and is sometimes technically more convenient. (Note that we do not require the homomorphism φ to be injective. However, as long as $\varepsilon < 1$, we must have $\varphi(0, 1) \neq 0$.)

Remark 4.3. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra. Then A is tracially approximately divisible if and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, every $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$, and every $y \in A_+$ with $\|y\| = 1$, there exists a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra D and a unital homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \oplus D \rightarrow A$ such that:

- (1) $\|\varphi(b)a_k - a_k\varphi(b)\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and all $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.
- (2) $\varphi(1, 0)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in yAy .
- (3) $\|\varphi(0, 1)y\varphi(0, 1)\| > 1 - \varepsilon$.

Remark 4.4. In both Definition 4.2 and Remark 4.3, we can replace the requirement that $\|y\| = 1$ with the requirement $y \neq 0$, and the last condition with $\|eye\| > \|y\| - \varepsilon$ (in Definition 4.2) or $\|\varphi(0, 1)y\varphi(0, 1)\| > \|y\| - \varepsilon$ (in Remark 4.3).

Lemma 4.5. In Definition 4.2, Remark 4.3, and Remark 4.4, we may restrict D to being one of the three standard completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebras M_2 , M_3 , and $M_2 \oplus M_3$ of Definition 2.6 of [2].

Proof. See the proof (given before the proposition) of Proposition 2.7 of [2]. \square

In fact, we can almost certainly restrict to $D = M_2$. See Remark 4.11 below.

Proposition 4.6. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra which is tracially approximately divisible. Then A has Property (SP).

Proof. Let $y \in A_+ \setminus \{0\}$. We show that \overline{yAy} contains a nonzero projection. Without loss of generality $\|y\| = 1$.

Suppose that for every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and every $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$, there exists a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra D and an injective unital homomorphism $\psi: D \rightarrow A$ such that $\|\psi(b)a_k - a_k\psi(b)\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and all $b \in D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$. Then A is approximately divisible, so Theorem 1.3(b) of [2] implies that A has Property (SP). In particular, \overline{yAy} contains a nonzero projection.

Otherwise, there are $\varepsilon > 0$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$ such that no homomorphism ψ as above exists. By definition, there nevertheless exist a projection $e \in A$, a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra D , and an injective unital homomorphism $\varphi: D \rightarrow eAe$, such that $\|\varphi(b)a_k - a_k\varphi(b)\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and all $b \in D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$, and such that $1 - e$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection $f \in \overline{yAy}$. Clearly $e \neq 1$, so $f \neq 0$. Thus in this case also \overline{yAy} contains a nonzero projection. \square

When A is finite, we can omit condition (3) in Definition 4.2.

Lemma 4.7. Let A be a finite simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra. Assume that for every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, every $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$, and every $y \in A_+ \setminus \{0\}$, there exist a projection $e \in A$, a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra D , and an injective unital homomorphism $\varphi: D \rightarrow eAe$, such that:

- (1) $\|\varphi(b)a_k - a_k\varphi(b)\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and all $b \in D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.
- (2) $1 - e$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{yAy} .

Then A is tracially approximately divisible.

Proof. Since A has Property (SP) (Proposition 4.6), the proof is the same as the Property (SP) case of the proof of Lemma 1.16 of [23]. \square

We get the following analog of Lemma 2.8 of [2].

Lemma 4.8. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra which is tracially approximately divisible, let $\varepsilon > 0$, let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$, and let $y \in A_+ \setminus \{0\}$. Let $C \subset A$ be a finite dimensional subalgebra of A . Then there exists a standard completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra D (as in Lemma 4.5) and a unital homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \oplus D \rightarrow A$ such that:

- (1) $\|\varphi(b)a_k - a_k\varphi(b)\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and all $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.

- (2) $\varphi(b)c = c\varphi(b)$ for all $c \in C$ and $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D$.
- (3) $\varphi(1, 0)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{yAy} .
- (4) $\|\varphi(0, 1)y\varphi(0, 1)\| > \|y\| - \varepsilon$.

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.8 of [2], but there are extra steps. Instead of the three standard completely noncommutative finite dimensional C^* -algebras considered in [2], there are now six algebras to consider, namely, M_2 , M_3 , $M_2 \oplus M_3$, $\mathbb{C} \oplus M_2$, $\mathbb{C} \oplus M_3$, and $\mathbb{C} \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3$.

Without loss of generality $\varepsilon < 1$. We set

$$\varepsilon_1 = \min \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{84 \cdot \max(\|a_1\|, \|a_2\|, \dots, \|a_n\|)}, \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \right).$$

We use 84 rather than 78 (also 14 rather than 13, and 42 in place of 39 in the definition of δ), since the largest possible dimension of an image of $\mathbb{C} \oplus D$ is now 14 rather than 13. We follow the proof of Lemma 2.8 of [2], starting by finding a standard completely noncommutative finite dimensional C^* -algebra D and a unital homomorphism $\varphi_0: \mathbb{C} \oplus D \rightarrow A$ satisfying (1) with

$$\delta = \min \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{42}, \frac{\varepsilon_1}{d}, \frac{\varepsilon_3}{d} \right)$$

in place of ε and with $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ expanded to include a system of matrix units for C , satisfying (3), satisfying (4) with δ in place of ε , and such that $\varphi_0|_{0 \oplus D}$ is injective. If $\varphi_0(1, 0) = 0$, then the argument proceeds as in the proof of Lemma 2.8 of [2]. Otherwise, proceed as in the proof of Lemma 2.8 of [2] but using the algebra $\mathbb{C} \oplus D$ in place of D there. This yields a unital homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \oplus D \rightarrow A$ satisfying (1) and (2). Inspection of the second half of the proof shows that there is moreover a system S of matrix units for $\mathbb{C} \oplus D$ such that $\|\varphi(e) - \varphi_0(e)\| < \min(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_3) + \varepsilon_1$ for all $e \in S$. It follows that

$$\|\varphi(1, 0) - \varphi_0(1, 0)\| < \min(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_3) + \varepsilon_1 \leq 2\varepsilon_1 < 1.$$

Therefore $\varphi(1, 0)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent $\varphi_0(1, 0)$, and is thus also Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{yAy} . Moreover,

$$\|\varphi(0, 1) - \varphi_0(0, 1)\| = \|[[1 - \varphi(1, 0)] - [1 - \varphi_0(1, 0)]]\| = \|\varphi(1, 0) - \varphi_0(1, 0)\| < 2\varepsilon_1.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi(0, 1)y\varphi(0, 1)\| &> \|\varphi_0(0, 1)y\varphi_0(0, 1)\| - 2\|\varphi(1, 0) - \varphi_0(1, 0)\| \\ &> \|y\| - \delta - 2\varepsilon_1 \geq \|y\| - \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

as required. \square

The following proposition is the useful substitute for Theorem 1.3(a) of [2].

Proposition 4.9. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C^* -algebra which is tracially approximately divisible, let $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $y \in A_+$ satisfy $\|y\| = 1$. Then there exists a strictly increasing sequence $(A_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ of unital subalgebras of A , a sequence $(D_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ of completely noncommutative finite dimensional C^* -algebras, a sequence $(\varphi_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ of unital homomorphisms $\varphi_m: \mathbb{C} \oplus D_m \rightarrow A_m$, and a sequence $(p_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ of projections in A such that:

- (1) $A = \overline{\bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m}$.
- (2) $\varphi_m(b)a = a\varphi_m(b)$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, all $a \in A_{m-1}$, and all $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D_m$.
- (3) $p_m \in A_m$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

- (4) $p_m \varphi_k(b) = \varphi_k(b)p_m$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and for $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D_k$.
- (5) $\varphi_k(1, 0) \leq p_m$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$.
- (6) p_m is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{yAy} .
- (7) $\|(1 - p_m)y(1 - p_m)\| > 1 - \varepsilon$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Proof. Since A has Property (SP) (Proposition 4.6), Lemma 1.10 of [23] gives orthogonal nonzero projections $f_1, g_1 \in \overline{yAy}$. Repeated applications of this lemma give orthogonal nonzero projections $f_2, g_2 \in g_1Ag_1$, orthogonal nonzero projections $f_3, g_3 \in g_2Ag_2$, etc. We thus get orthogonal nonzero projections $f_1, f_2, \dots \in \overline{yAy}$.

Without loss of generality $\varepsilon < 1$.

Choose $a_1, a_2, \dots \in A$ such that $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ is dense. Apply Lemma 4.8 inductively to get standard completely noncommutative finite dimensional C^* -algebras D_1, D_2, \dots , finite dimensional unital subalgebras $C_0 \subset C_1 \subset \dots \subset A$ (finite dimensionality is justified afterwards), positive elements $y_0, y_1, \dots \in A$, and unital homomorphisms $\varphi_m: \mathbb{C} \oplus D_m \rightarrow A$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, such that:

- (1) $\|\varphi_m(b)a_k - a_k\varphi_m(b)\| < 2^{-m}$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and all $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D_m$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.
- (2) $C_0 = \mathbb{C} \cdot 1$ and C_m is the C^* -algebra generated by C_{m-1} and $\varphi_m(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m)$ for $m \geq 1$.
- (3) For $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, we have $\varphi_m(b)c = c\varphi_m(b)$ for all $c \in C_{m-1}$ and $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D_m$.
- (4) $\varphi_m(1, 0)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in $\overline{f_m Af_m}$.
- (5) $y_0 = y$ and $y_m = \varphi_m(0, 1)y_{m-1}\varphi_m(0, 1)$ for $m \geq 1$.
- (6) $\|y_m\| > \|y_{m-1}\| - 2^{-m}\varepsilon$.

Using (2) and (3), we see that C_0 is finite dimensional and that C_m is finite dimensional whenever C_{m-1} is finite dimensional. Thus, C_m is in fact finite dimensional for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Following the proof of Theorem 1.3(a) of [2] (which is given after Corollary 2.9 of [2]), for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ let $A_m \subset A$ be the subalgebra

$$A_m = \{a \in A : a\varphi_l(b) = \varphi_l(b)a \text{ for } l = m+1, m+2, \dots \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D_l\}.$$

Then, as in [2], the sequence $(A_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ is nondecreasing,

$$(4.1) \quad \varphi_m(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m) \subset \{a \in A_m : ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in A_{m-1}\}$$

for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and $\overline{\bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m} = A$.

We now have $(A_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ and $(\varphi_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ as described, except that we only know that $(A_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ is nondecreasing, and we have verified conditions (1) and (2) of the statement.

Define $q_m \in A$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ inductively by $q_0 = 1$ and $q_m = \varphi_m(0, 1)q_{m-1}$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. We claim that for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ we have:

- (7) q_m is a projection.
- (8) $q_m \in A_m$.
- (9) $q_m \leq \varphi_m(0, 1)$.
- (10) $q_m \leq q_{m-1}$.
- (11) q_m is in the center of C_m .
- (12) $1 - q_m \lesssim \varphi_1(1, 0) \oplus \varphi_2(1, 0) \oplus \dots \oplus \varphi_m(1, 0)$.
- (13) $q_m y q_m = y_m$.

We prove these statements by induction on m . They are all easy for $m = 1$ (using (4.1) to get (8), centrality of $(1, 0)$ in $\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m$ to get (11), and (5) to get (13)). So assume they hold for $m - 1$; we prove them for m .

Since $q_{m-1} \in C_{m-1}$, it follows from (3) that q_{m-1} commutes with $\varphi_m(0, 1)$. Therefore q_m is a projection with $q_m \leq \varphi_m(0, 1)$ and $q_m \leq q_{m-1}$. This is (7), (9), and (10) for m . Also,

$$1 - q_m = 1 - q_{m-1} + q_{m-1}\varphi_m(1, 0) \precsim (1 - q_{m-1}) \oplus \varphi_m(1, 0).$$

Together with (12) for $m - 1$, this gives (12) for m . For (8), we have $q_m \in A_m$ because $q_{m-1} \in A_{m-1} \subset A_m$ and $\varphi_m(0, 1) \in A_m$.

For (13), we have already seen that q_{m-1} commutes with $\varphi_m(0, 1)$. Using this at the second step, (13) for $m - 1$ at the third step, and (5) at the fourth step, we get

$$\begin{aligned} q_m y q_m &= \varphi_m(0, 1) q_{m-1} y \varphi_m(0, 1) q_{m-1} \\ &= \varphi_m(0, 1) q_{m-1} y q_{m-1} \varphi_m(0, 1) = \varphi_m(0, 1) y_{m-1} \varphi_m(0, 1) = y_m. \end{aligned}$$

This is (13) for m .

Finally, we prove (11) for m . The projection q_{m-1} is in C_{m-1} and commutes with all elements of C_{m-1} by (11) for $m - 1$. Also, q_{m-1} commutes with all elements of $\varphi_m(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m)$ by (3). Furthermore, trivially $\varphi_m(0, 1)$ is in $\varphi_m(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m)$ and commutes with all elements of $\varphi_m(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m)$. Also, $\varphi_m(0, 1)$ commutes with all elements of C_{m-1} by (3). Thus

$$q_m = q_{m-1}\varphi_m(0, 1) \in C^*(C_{m-1}, \varphi_m(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m)) = C_m$$

and commutes with all elements of this algebra. This proves (11) for m , and completes the proof of the claim.

Now set $p_m = 1 - q_m$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Part (3) of the conclusion follows from (8). Part (4) of the conclusion follows from (11) and the fact that C_m is the subalgebra of A generated by the subalgebras $\varphi_k(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_k)$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Part (5) of the conclusion follows from (9) and an induction argument using (10). For part (6) of the conclusion, we use (12), (4), and the fact that f_1, f_2, \dots are mutually orthogonal projections in \overline{yAy} .

We prove (7) of the conclusion. An induction argument using (5) and (6) gives

$$\|y_m\| > 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4} - \dots - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^m}.$$

So $\|y_m\| > 1 - \varepsilon$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. From (13), we now get $\|(1 - p_m)y(1 - p_m)\| = \|y_m\| > 1 - \varepsilon$.

It remains only to prove that $(A_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ is strictly increasing. Since $\varepsilon < 1$, we have $\|(1 - p_m)y(1 - p_m)\| \neq 0$, so that $\varphi_m(0, 1) \neq 0$. Thus $\varphi_m(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_m)$ contains a summand isomorphic to M_l for some $l \geq 2$. Therefore (4.1) implies that A_m is a proper subset of A_{m+1} . \square

The following result is a weak analog of Corollary 2.10 of [2].

Corollary 4.10. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C^* -algebra. Suppose that A is tracially approximately divisible. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $n, r \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ with $r \geq 2$, every $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$, and every $y \in A_+$ with $\|y\| = 1$, there exist a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C^* -algebra D and a unital homomorphism $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \oplus D \rightarrow A$ such that:

- (1) $\|\varphi(b)a_k - a_k\varphi(b)\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and all $b \in \mathbb{C} \oplus D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.
- (2) Every central summand of D has matrix size at least r .
- (3) $\varphi(1, 0)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{yAy} .
- (4) $\|\varphi(0, 1)y\varphi(0, 1)\| > 1 - \varepsilon$.

Proof. Apply Proposition 4.9 with y and ε as given, and use the notation there for the resulting objects. Choose $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ so large that $2^m \geq r$ and that $\text{dist}(a_j, A_m) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Set $E = D_1 \otimes D_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes D_m$. Since D_k is a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$, the matrix size of every simple summand of E is at least $2^m \geq r$.

Since $\varphi_k(\mathbb{C} \oplus D_k) \subset A_k$, it follows from Proposition 4.9(2) that the ranges of $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_m$ all commute with each other, and from Proposition 4.9(4) and p_m commutes with the ranges of these homomorphisms. Therefore there is a unital homomorphism $\psi_0: E \rightarrow (1 - p_m)A(1 - p_m)$ such that

$$\psi_0(b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_m) = \varphi_1(0, b_1)\varphi_2(0, b_2) \cdots \varphi_m(0, b_m)$$

for all $b_1 \in D_1, b_2 \in D_2, \dots, b_m \in D_m$. Set $D = E/\ker(\psi_0)$ and let $\psi: D \rightarrow (1 - p_m)A(1 - p_m)$ be the induced homomorphism. Clearly the matrix size of every simple summand of D is also at least r .

Define $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \oplus D \rightarrow A$ by $\varphi(\lambda, b) = \lambda p_m + \psi_0(b)$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and $b \in D$. Then $\varphi(1, 0)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{yAy} by Proposition 4.9(6), and $\|\varphi(0, 1)y\varphi(0, 1)\| > 1 - \varepsilon$ by Proposition 4.9(7). \square

Remark 4.11. It is almost certainly true that a tracially approximately divisible C*-algebra has strict comparison of positive elements in the sense of Subsection 2.2 of [28]. If we had defined tracial approximate divisibility allowing only simple algebras in Definition 4.2, then in Corollary 4.10 we could take D to be simple with arbitrarily large matrix size. In this case, it would be immediate that A is tracially Z -stable in the sense of Definition 2.1 of [6]. Theorem 3.3 of [6] would then imply strict comparison of positive elements.

With our definition, the argument used for the proof of Proposition 2.7 of [2] allows us to take D in Corollary 4.10 to be $M_r \oplus M_{r+1}$. So A satisfies a version of tracial Z -absorption using order zero maps from $M_r \oplus M_{r+1}$ instead of M_r . The arguments of [6] almost certainly apply under this weaker condition, and thus should imply that algebras as in Definition 4.2 have strict comparison of positive elements. With this result in hand, it is easy to use Corollary 4.10 with $D = M_s \oplus M_{s+1}$, with s sufficiently large, to show that in Corollary 4.10 one can in fact take $D = M_r$ and that in Definition 4.2 one can take $D = M_2$.

We do not prove the conjectures implicit in Remark 4.11 here, because it is already known that tracial rank zero implies the form of strict comparison that we actually need, and because, for now, we do not have other interesting examples.

We recall the following definition.

Definition 4.12. For a simple unital C*-algebra A , we say that the *order on projections over A is determined by traces* if whenever $p, q \in M_\infty(A)$ are projections such that $\tau(p) < \tau(q)$ for every tracial state τ on A , then $p \precsim q$.

If the statements in Remark 4.11 are correct, then tracial approximate divisibility of A implies that the order on projections over A is determined by traces. Thus, in the following lemma and its consequences, this condition can probably be omitted. Since our main purpose in introducing tracial approximate divisibility is to clarify a proof involving simple C*-algebras with tracial rank zero, and since it is already known that the order on projections over such a C*-algebra is determined by traces, we do not prove this here.

Notation 4.13. We let $\text{Inn}(A)$ denote the set of inner automorphisms $a \mapsto uau^*$ with $u \in A$ unitary. We let $\overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$ be the closure in $\text{Aut}(A)$ of $\text{Inn}(A)$ in the topology of Lemma 3.2. This is the set of approximately inner automorphisms.

Lemma 4.14. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C^* -algebra which is tracially approximately divisible and such that the order on projections over A is determined by traces. Let $u \in A$ be unitary. Let $F \subset A$ be finite, let $\varepsilon > 0$, let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $x \in A$ be a nonzero positive element. Then, following Notation 3.3, we have $\text{Ad}(u) \in W(F, \varepsilon, n, x) \cap \overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$.

Proof. It suffices to prove that for every finite set $T \subset A$ and every $\delta > 0$, there is $\alpha \in W(F, \varepsilon, n, x) \cap \overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$ such that $\|\alpha(a) - uau^*\| < \delta$ for all $a \in T$.

To simplify the proof, we may assume that $\|a\| \leq 1$ for all $a \in F \cup T$. Set

$$S = F \cup T \cup \{u\} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_0 = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2n+4}, \frac{\delta}{2n+6}\right).$$

Choose $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ such that $\varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon_0$ and whenever B is a unital C^* -algebra and a and u are elements of B such that u is unitary and $\|a - u\| < (n+2)\varepsilon_1$, then there is a unitary v in the unital C^* -algebra generated by a such that $\|v - u\| < \varepsilon_0$. Since A has Property (SP) (by Proposition 4.6), we can use Lemma 1.10 of [23] to choose two nonzero orthogonal projections $q, r \in \overline{xAx}$. Set $\rho = \inf_{\tau \in T(A)} \tau(q) > 0$. Choose $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $m > (1 + 1/\rho)(n+1)$.

Use Corollary 4.10 to find a projection $f \in A$, a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C^* -algebra D , and an injective unital homomorphism $\varphi: D \rightarrow fAf$, such that:

- (1) $\|\varphi(b)a - a\varphi(b)\| < \varepsilon_1$ for all $a \in S$ and all $b \in D$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.
- (2) $1 - f$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in rAr .
- (3) There are $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $d(1), d(2), \dots, d(N) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $D \cong \bigoplus_{l=1}^N M_{d(l)}$ and $d(l) \geq m$ for $l = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

For convenience, we identify D with $\varphi(D) \subset A$, and suppress φ in the notation. For $l = 1, 2, \dots, N$ we similarly identify $M_{d(l)}$ with its image in A . Let $f_l \in A$ be the identity of $M_{d(l)}$. Thus $f = \sum_{l=1}^N f_l$.

For $l = 1, 2, \dots, N$, there are $s(l), t(l) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such that $d(l) = s(l)(n+1) + t(l)$ and $t(l) \leq n$. Then

$$s(l) \geq \frac{d(l)}{n+1} - 1 \geq \frac{m}{n+1} - 1 > \frac{1}{\rho}.$$

Take ranks with respect to M_{n+1} and $M_{d(l)}$. Let $\psi_l: M_{n+1} \rightarrow M_{d(l)}$ be any homomorphism (usually not unital) which sends a rank one projection in M_{n+1} to a rank $s(l)$ projection in $M_{d(l)}$. For every $\tau \in T(A)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(f_l - \psi_l(1)) &= \tau(f_l) \left(\frac{\text{rank}(f_l - \psi_l(1))}{d(l)} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\tau(f_l)n}{s(l)(n+1) + t(l)} < \frac{\tau(f_l)}{s(l)} < \rho\tau(f_l) \leq \tau(q)\tau(f_l). \end{aligned}$$

Now define a homomorphism $\psi: M_{n+1} \rightarrow D$ by $\psi(a) = \sum_{l=1}^N \psi_l(a)$. For every $\tau \in T(A)$, we get

$$\tau(f - \psi(1)) = \sum_{l=1}^N \tau(f_l - \psi_l(1)) < \sum_{l=1}^N \tau(q)\tau(f_l) = \tau(q)\tau(f) \leq \tau(q).$$

Since traces determine the order on projections over A , it follows that $f - \psi(1) \precsim q$. Combining this with $1 - f \precsim r$, we find that $1 - \psi(1)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in xAx . Moreover, $\|\psi(b)a - a\psi(b)\| < \varepsilon_1$ for all $a \in S$ and all $b \in M_{n+1}$ with $\|b\| \leq 1$.

Let $(g_{j,k})_{0 \leq j, k \leq n}$ be a system of matrix units for M_{n+1} . Define projections $e_j \in A$ by $e_j = \psi(g_{j,j})$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

We claim that for every $a \in S$ there is $c \in A$ such that $\|c - a\| < (n + 2)\varepsilon_1$ and c commutes with every element of $\mathbb{C}(1 - \psi(1)) + \psi(M_{n+1})$. Given a , set

$$c = (1 - \psi(1))a(1 - \psi(1)) + \sum_{j=0}^n \psi(g_{j,0})a\psi(g_{0,j}).$$

The commutation relation is easily checked. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \|c - a\| &= \left\| c - \left(a[1 - \psi(1)] + \sum_{j=0}^n a\psi(g_{j,j}) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \|[1 - \psi(1)]a[1 - \psi(1)] - a[1 - \psi(1)]\| + \sum_{j=0}^n \|\psi(g_{j,0})a\psi(g_{0,j}) - a\psi(g_{j,j})\| \\ &\leq \|[1 - \psi(1)]a - a[1 - \psi(1)]\| + \sum_{j=0}^n \|\psi(g_{j,0})a - a\psi(g_{j,0})\| \\ &< (n + 2)\varepsilon_1. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the claim.

We next claim that there is a unitary $v \in A$ such that v commutes with every element of $\mathbb{C}(1 - \psi(1)) + \psi(M_{n+1})$ and $\|v - u\| < \varepsilon_0$. Let c be as in the previous claim, with $a = u$. The choice of ε_1 implies that there is a unitary v in the C^* -algebra generated by c such that $\|v - u\| < \varepsilon_0$. Clearly v commutes with every element of $\mathbb{C}(1 - \psi(1)) + \psi(M_{n+1})$. The claim is proved.

Define a unitary $w \in A$ by

$$w = 1 - \psi(1) + \psi \left(g_{0,n} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} g_{j+1,j} \right).$$

Then define $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ by $\alpha = \text{Ad}(wv)$. We claim that $\|\alpha(a) - uau^*\| < \delta$ for all $a \in T$ and that $\alpha \in W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$. This will complete the proof of the lemma. By construction, we have

$$(4.2) \quad wv = vw.$$

We prove the first part. Let $a \in T$. Since $T \subset S$, there is $c \in A$ such that $\|c - a\| < (n + 2)\varepsilon_1$ and c commutes with every element of $\mathbb{C}(1 - \psi(1)) + \psi(M_{n+1})$. In particular, c commutes with w . Using this and (4.2) at the fourth step, we therefore get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha(a) - uau^*\| &= \|wvav^*w^* - uau^*\| \leq 2\|v - u\| + \|wvav^*w^* - vav^*\| \\ &\leq 2\|v - u\| + 2\|a - c\| + \|wvcv^*w^* - vcv^*\| \\ &= 2\|v - u\| + 2\|a - c\| < 2\varepsilon_0 + 2(n + 2)\varepsilon_1 \leq \delta. \end{aligned}$$

We now prove that $\alpha \in W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$. We start with condition (1) of Notation 3.3. For $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, we have $ve_jv^* = e_j$ since $e_j \in \psi(M_{n+1})$. Also, it is easy to check that $we_jw^* = e_{j+1}$. Therefore $\alpha(e_j) = e_{j+1}$.

For condition (2), let $a \in F$. Since $T \subset S$, there is $c \in A$ such that $\|c - a\| < (n+2)\varepsilon_1$ and c commutes with every element of $\mathbb{C}(1-\psi(1)) + \psi(M_{n+1})$. In particular, $ce_j = e_jc$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Therefore

$$\|e_ja - ae_j\| \leq 2\|a - c\| + \|e_jc - ce_j\| = 2\|a - c\| < 2(n+2)\varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon.$$

For condition (3), we have $\sum_{j=0}^n e_j = \psi(1)$ and we already saw that $1 - \psi(1)$ is Murray-von Neumann equivalent to a projection in \overline{xAx} . \square

Theorem 4.15. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra which is tracially approximately divisible and such that the order on projections over A is determined by traces. Then there is a dense G_δ -set $G \subset \overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$ such that every $\alpha \in G$ has the tracial Rokhlin property.

Proof. The set $\overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$ is closed in $\text{Aut}(A)$, hence complete. By Lemma 3.4, there is a countable intersection G of sets of the form $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x) \cap \overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$ such that every $\alpha \in G$ has the tracial Rokhlin property. By Lemma 3.5, each of the sets $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$ is open in $\overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$, and by Lemma 4.14, each of the sets $W(F, \varepsilon, n, x)$ is dense in $\overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$. \square

Proposition 4.16. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra with tracial rank zero. Then A is tracially approximately divisible.

Proof. We verify the condition of Lemma 4.7. So let $\varepsilon > 0$, let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$, and let $y \in A_+ \setminus \{0\}$. Since tracial rank zero implies real rank zero for simple C*-algebras, we can use Lemma 1.10 of [23] to choose two nonzero orthogonal projections $q_1, q_2 \in \overline{yAy}$. Set $\rho = \inf_{\tau \in T(A)} \tau(q_1)$. Then $\rho > 0$. Choose $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $m > \max(2, 1/\rho)$. Then M_m is a completely noncommutative finite dimensional C*-algebra.

Since A has tracial rank zero, by Theorem 6.13 of [14] there are a projection $f \in A$ and a unital finite dimensional subalgebra $E \subset fAf$ such that:

- (1) $\|fa_j - a_jf\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
- (2) For $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ there exists $b_j \in E$ such that $\|fa_jf - b_j\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$.
- (3) $1 - f \lesssim q_2$.

We may write $E \cong \bigoplus_{l=1}^N M_{d(l)}$ for suitable $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $d(1), \dots, d(N) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Choose matrix units $f_{r,s}^{(l)} \in M_{d(l)}$ for $l = 1, 2, \dots, N$ and $r, s = 1, 2, \dots, d(l)$. Also let $f_l = \sum_{r=1}^{d(l)} f_{r,r}^{(l)}$ be the identity of $M_{d(l)} \subset E$.

Let $(e_{j,k})_{1 \leq j, k \leq m}$ be the standard system of matrix units in M_m . For $l = 1, 2, \dots, N$, apply Lemma 2.3 of [21] to $f_{1,1}^{(l)} Af_{1,1}^{(l)}$. We obtain Murray-von Neumann equivalent mutually orthogonal projections $p_j^{(l)} \leq f_{1,1}^{(l)}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, such that

$$(4.3) \quad f_{1,1}^{(l)} - \sum_{j=1}^m p_j^{(l)} \lesssim p_1^{(l)}.$$

Extend $p_1^{(l)}, p_2^{(l)}, \dots, p_m^{(l)}$ to a system of matrix units $(g_{j,k}^{(l)})_{1 \leq j, k \leq m}$ of type M_m in $f_{1,1}^{(l)} Af_{1,1}^{(l)}$ such that $g_{j,j}^{(l)} = p_j^{(l)}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Then there is a homomorphism $\psi_l: M_m \rightarrow f_{1,1}^{(l)} Af_{1,1}^{(l)}$ such that $\psi_l(e_{j,k}) = g_{j,k}^{(l)}$ for $j, k = 1, 2, \dots, d(l)$. Define

$\varphi_l: M_m \rightarrow f_l A f_l$ by

$$\varphi_l(x) = \sum_{r=1}^{d(l)} f_{r,1}^{(l)} \psi_l(x) f_{1,r}^{(l)}.$$

For every $x \in M_m$, the element $\psi_l(x)$ commutes with every element of $M_{d(l)} \subset E \subset A$. Moreover, for every $\tau \in T(A)$ we have, using (4.3) at the second step,

$$\tau(f_{1,1}^{(l)} - \psi_l(1)) \leq \tau(p_1^{(l)}) \leq \frac{\tau(f_{1,1}^{(l)})}{m}.$$

Therefore $\tau(f_l - \varphi_l(1)) \leq \tau(f_l)/m$.

Define a homomorphism $\varphi: M_m \rightarrow A$ by $\varphi(x) = \sum_{l=1}^N \varphi_l(x)$. Then $\varphi(x)$ commutes with every element of E for all $x \in M_m$. Moreover, for every $\tau \in T(A)$,

$$\tau(f - \varphi(1)) = \sum_{l=1}^N \tau(f_l - \varphi_l(1)) \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l=1}^N \tau(f_l) \leq \frac{1}{m} < \rho \leq \tau(q_2).$$

Since traces determine the order on projections over A (by Corollary 5.7 and Theorem 6.8 of [14]), it follows that $f - \varphi(1) \precsim q_2$. Since $1 - f \precsim q_1$, it follows that $1 - \varphi(1) \precsim q_1 + q_2 \in \overline{yAy}$. Setting $e = \varphi(1)$, we have proved condition (2) of Lemma 4.7.

It remains to prove condition (1) of Lemma 4.7. For $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, let $b_j \in E$ be as in (2). Set $c_j = (1 - f)a_j(1 - f) + b_j$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|c_j - a_j\| &\leq \|(1 - f)a_jf\| + \|fa_j(1 - f)\| + \|b_j - fa_jf\| \\ &\leq 2\|fa_j - a_jf\| + \|b_j - fa_jf\| < \frac{2\varepsilon}{6} + \frac{\varepsilon}{6} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now let $x \in M_m$ satisfy $\|x\| \leq 1$. Then $\varphi(x) \in fAf$ and $\varphi(x)$ commutes with b_j . So $\varphi(x)$ commutes with c_j . Therefore

$$\|\varphi(x)a_j - a_j\varphi(x)\| \leq 2\|c_j - a_j\| < \varepsilon.$$

This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4.17. Let A be a simple separable infinite dimensional unital C*-algebra with tracial rank zero. Then there is a dense G_δ -set $G \subset \overline{\text{Inn}}(A)$ such that every $\alpha \in G$ has the tracial Rokhlin property.

Proof. The algebra A is tracially approximately divisible by Proposition 4.16. It follows from Corollary 5.7 and Theorems 5.8 and 6.8 of [14] that traces determine the order on projections over A . So Theorem 4.15 applies. \square

5. PURELY INFINITE SIMPLE C*-ALGEBRAS

In this section, we consider the Rokhlin property rather than the tracial Rokhlin property. We prove that it is generic for actions of \mathbb{Z} or \mathbb{Z}^d on a unital C*-algebra which tensorially absorbs \mathcal{O}_∞ or a UHF algebra of infinite type. Essentially the same proof shows that if G is a finite group with r elements, then the Rokhlin property is generic for actions of G on a unital C*-algebra which tensorially absorbs the r^∞ UHF algebra.

We give the proof in detail for actions of \mathbb{Z}^d on \mathcal{O}_∞ -absorbing C*-algebras for $d \geq 2$. Because of technical differences in the definitions, a combinatorial argument (see Lemma 5.6) is needed to show that this definition in the case $d = 1$ implies

the usual definition for actions of \mathbb{Z} . (In the simple case, the reverse implication is unknown.)

We recall the definition of the Rokhlin property for actions of \mathbb{Z}^d from [19]. However, we split it in several parts for convenient reference in our arguments.

Notation 5.1. Let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. We say that $m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ is *strictly positive* if $m_k > 0$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$. We then denote by $m\mathbb{Z}^d$ the set $\prod_{k=1}^d m_k \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$. As convenient, we identify $\mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d$ with $\prod_{k=1}^d m_k \mathbb{Z}/m_k \mathbb{Z}$ or as

$$\mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d : 0 \leq n_k < m_k \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, d\}.$$

We further let $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_d \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ be the standard basis vectors for \mathbb{R}^d . For $r \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d$, we interpret $r + l$ as the element of $\mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d$ gotten as the sum of l and the image of r in $\mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d$.

Definition 5.2. Let A be a unital C*-algebra, let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $\alpha: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$. Let $F \subset A$ be finite, let $\varepsilon > 0$, and let and let $m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ be strictly positive. Then an (m, F, ε) -Rokhlin tower for α is a family $(e_l)_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d}$ of mutually orthogonal projections such that:

- (1) $\|e_l a - a e_l\| < \varepsilon$ for all $a \in F$ and $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d$.
- (2) $\|\alpha_{\delta_k}(e_l) - e_{l+\delta_k}\| < \varepsilon$ for all $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d$ and for $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$.

We say it is an *exact* (m, F) -Rokhlin tower for α if the norms in (1) and (2) are all zero. Its *support* is defined to be $\sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d/m\mathbb{Z}^d} e_l$.

Definition 5.3. Let A be a unital C*-algebra, let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $\alpha: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$. Let $F \subset A$ be finite and let $\varepsilon > 0$. An (F, ε) -system of Rokhlin towers for α consists of $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, an s -tuple $m = (m^{(1)}, m^{(2)}, \dots, m^{(s)})$ of strictly positive elements of \mathbb{Z}^d , and $(m^{(j)}, F, \varepsilon)$ -Rokhlin towers for α for $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ whose supports f_j are orthogonal and satisfy $\sum_{j=1}^s f_j = 1$. We call such a system an *exact* F -system of Rokhlin towers for α if the constituent Rokhlin towers are all exact $(m^{(j)}, F)$ -Rokhlin towers for α . The *size* of such a system is m . Its *minimum height*, or the minimum height of $(m^{(1)}, m^{(2)}, \dots, m^{(s)})$, is

$$\min(\{m_k^{(j)} : 1 \leq j \leq s \text{ and } 1 \leq k \leq d\}).$$

Definition 5.4 (Definition 1 of [19]). Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra, let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $\alpha: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$. Then α has the *Rokhlin property* if for every $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ there are $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and an s -tuple $m = (m^{(1)}, m^{(2)}, \dots, m^{(s)})$ of strictly positive elements of \mathbb{Z}^d with minimum height at least N such that for every finite subset $F \subset A$ and every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an (F, ε) -system of Rokhlin towers for α of size m .

For comparison, we recall what is now the usual definition of the Rokhlin property for a single automorphism of a C*-algebra.

Definition 5.5 (Definition 2.5 of [8]). Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra, and let $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$. We say that α has the *Rokhlin property* if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, every finite subset $F \subset A$, and every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, there are mutually orthogonal projections $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n \in A$ such that:

- (1) $\|\alpha(e_l) - e_{l+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$ and $\|\alpha(f_l) - f_{l+1}\| < \varepsilon$ for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.

- (2) $\|e_l a - ae_l\| < \varepsilon$ for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ and all $a \in F$, and $\|f_l a - af_l\| < \varepsilon$ for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and all $a \in F$.
- (3) $\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} e_l + \sum_{l=0}^n f_l = 1$.

Informally, the Rokhlin property of Definition 5.4 for actions of \mathbb{Z} requires that the top projection of each tower be sent by the automorphism to a projection close to the base projection of the same tower. However, the Rokhlin property of Definition 2.5 of [8], while more restrictive about the sizes of towers, only requires that the sum of the top projections of the towers be sent by the automorphism to a projection close to the sum of the base projections of the towers. We know of no proof that this version implies the Rokhlin property of Definition 5.4, but, at least for simple C*-algebras, we know of no counterexamples either.

It is known that the Rokhlin property of Definition 5.4 for $d = 1$ implies that of Definition 5.5, but it seems not to have been explicitly written down anywhere. So we give a proof here. It uses a tower partitioning argument. Several somewhat related proofs appear in Section 1 of [21]. (Strictly speaking, we can avoid this result, since the proofs we give, restricted to $d = 1$, already give towers of the form in Definition 5.4.)

Lemma 5.6. For $d = 1$, the Rokhlin property of Definition 5.4 implies the Rokhlin property of Definition 5.5.

Proof. Write α for the automorphism generating the action as well as the action. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, let $F \subset A$ be finite, and let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Choose $t \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and a t -tuple $m = (m^{(1)}, m^{(2)}, \dots, m^{(t)})$ of strictly positive elements of \mathbb{Z} with minimum height at least n^2 and such that for every finite subset $S \subset A$ and every $\delta > 0$ there is an (S, δ) -system of Rokhlin towers for α of size m . For $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$, since $m^{(j)} \geq n^2$, there are $r_j, s_j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such that $m^{(j)} = r_j n + s_j(n+1)$. Therefore there are intervals $I_{j,k} \subset \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, r_j$ with exactly n elements and intervals $J_{j,k} \subset \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, s_j$ with exactly $n+1$ elements such that

$$\{0, 1, \dots, m^{(j)} - 1\} = \coprod_{k=1}^{r_j} I_{j,k} \amalg \coprod_{k=1}^{s_j} J_{j,k}.$$

Thus, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, r_j$ there is $\mu_{j,k} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such that

$$I_{j,k} = \{\mu_{j,k}, \mu_{j,k} + 1, \dots, \mu_{j,k} + n - 1\}$$

and for $k = 1, 2, \dots, s_j$ there is $\nu_{j,k} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such that

$$J_{j,k} = \{\nu_{j,k}, \nu_{j,k} + 1, \dots, \nu_{j,k} + n\}.$$

Set

$$r = \sum_{j=1}^t r_j, \quad s = \sum_{j=1}^t s_j, \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_0 = \frac{\varepsilon}{\max(r, s)}.$$

Choose an (F, ε_0) -system of Rokhlin towers for α of size m , say

$$R = \left((p_0^{(j)}, p_1^{(j)}, \dots, p_{m^{(j)}-1}^{(j)}) \right)_{j=1}^t.$$

Define projections e_l for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ and f_l for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n$ by

$$e_l = \sum_{j=1}^t \sum_{k=1}^{r_j} p_{\mu_{j,k}+l}^{(j)} \quad \text{and} \quad f_l = \sum_{j=1}^t \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} p_{\nu_{j,k}+l}^{(j)}.$$

One easily checks that each projection in the system R has been used exactly once, which implies (3) above. For (1), for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$ we estimate

$$\|\alpha(e_l) - e_{l+1}\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^t \sum_{k=1}^{r_j} \|\alpha(p_{\mu_{j,k}+l}^{(j)}) - p_{\mu_{j,k}+l+1}^{(j)}\| < r\varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon.$$

A similar calculation gives $\|\alpha(f_l) - f_{l+1}\| < s\varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon$. For (2), for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ and $a \in F$ we estimate

$$\|e_l a - a e_l\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^t \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} \|p_{\nu_{j,k}+l}^{(j)} a - a p_{\nu_{j,k}+l}^{(j)}\| < r\varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon$$

and similarly for $l = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and $a \in F$ we get $\|f_l a - a f_l\| < s\varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon$. This completes the proof. \square

Notation 5.7. Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra, and let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. We denote by $\text{Act}_d(A)$ the set of actions of \mathbb{Z}^d on A . We identify $\text{Act}_d(A)$ with a subset of $\text{Aut}(A)^d$ via the map $\alpha \mapsto (\alpha_{\delta_1}, \alpha_{\delta_2}, \dots, \alpha_{\delta_d})$. For $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Act}_d(A)$ and any enumeration $S = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ of a countable dense subset of A , we let ρ_S be as in Notation 3.1, and define

$$\rho_{d,S}(\alpha, \beta) = \max(\rho_S(\alpha_{\delta_1}, \beta_{\delta_1}), \rho_S(\alpha_{\delta_2}, \beta_{\delta_2}), \dots, \rho_S(\alpha_{\delta_d}, \beta_{\delta_d})).$$

Lemma 5.8. For any S as in Notation 5.7, the function $\rho_{d,S}$ is a complete metric on $\text{Act}_d(A)$ which induces the restriction to $\text{Act}_d(A)$ of the product topology on $\text{Aut}(A)^d$.

Proof. It is easy to check that $\text{Act}_d(A)$ is a closed subset of $\text{Aut}(A)^d$. The rest is immediate from Lemma 3.2. \square

Notation 5.9. Let A be a unital C*-algebra, and let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. For a finite set $F \subset A$, for $\varepsilon > 0$, for $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and for an s -tuple $m = (m^{(1)}, m^{(2)}, \dots, m^{(s)})$ of strictly positive elements of \mathbb{Z}^d , we define $W_d(F, \varepsilon, s, m) \subset \text{Act}_d(A)$ to be the set of all $\alpha \in \text{Act}_d(A)$ such that there is an (F, ε) -system of Rokhlin towers for α of size m .

Lemma 5.10. Let A be a unital C*-algebra, and let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. For every finite set $F \subset A$, every $\varepsilon > 0$, every $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and every s -tuple $m = (m^{(1)}, m^{(2)}, \dots, m^{(s)})$ of strictly positive elements of \mathbb{Z}^d , the set $W_d(F, \varepsilon, s, m)$ is open in $\text{Act}_d(A)$.

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 3.5. \square

Lemma 5.11. Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra, and let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Let $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ be a sequence in $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ let $m(n)$ be an s_n -tuple of strictly positive elements of \mathbb{Z}^d with minimum height N_n . Suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_n = \infty$. Then the set of $\alpha \in \text{Act}_d(A)$ which have the Rokhlin property contains the countable intersection of sets of the form $W_d(F, \varepsilon, s_n, m(n))$ for finite sets $F \subset A$, numbers $\varepsilon > 0$, and integers $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Proof. Choose a countable dense subset $S \subset A$, and let \mathcal{F} be the set of all finite subsets of S . Then clearly every action

$$\alpha \in \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \bigcap_{r=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} W_d(F, \frac{1}{r}, s_n, m(n))$$

has the Rokhlin property. \square

Lemma 5.12. Let A be a separable unital C^* -algebra such that $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes A \cong A$. Let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, let $F \subset A$ be finite, let $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Let m be the 2^d -tuple consisting of all elements of $\{n, n+1\}^d$, arranged in any order. Then $W_d(F, \varepsilon, 2^d, m)$ is dense in $\text{Act}_d(A)$.

Proof. It suffices to prove that for every $\alpha \in \text{Act}_d(A)$, every finite set $T \subset A$, and every $\delta > 0$, there is $\beta \in W_d(F, \varepsilon, 2^d, m)$ such that $\|\beta_{\delta_k}(a) - \alpha_{\delta_k}(a)\| < \delta$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$ and for all $a \in T$.

Set $S = F \cup T \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^d \alpha_{\delta_k}(T)$.

By Theorem 3.15 of [12] and Theorem 3.3 of [17], there is an isomorphism $\varphi_0: \mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\infty$ such that the map $a \mapsto \varphi_0(1 \otimes a)$ is approximately unitarily equivalent to $\text{id}_{\mathcal{O}_\infty}$. Replacing the first tensor factor \mathcal{O}_∞ in the domain by the d -fold tensor product $(\mathcal{O}_\infty)^{\otimes d}$ (which is isomorphic to \mathcal{O}_∞), and using $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes A \cong A$, we get an isomorphism $\varphi: (\mathcal{O}_\infty)^{\otimes d} \otimes A \rightarrow A$ such that the map $a \mapsto \varphi(1 \otimes a)$ is approximately unitarily equivalent to id_A .

It is easy to find an injective unital homomorphism $\rho_0: M_n \oplus M_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\infty$. (For rank one projections $e \in M_n$ and $f \in M_{n+1}$, it will send $(e, 0)$ to a projection $p \in \mathcal{O}_\infty$ such that $[p] = [-1]$ in $K_0(\mathcal{O}_\infty)$ and $(0, f)$ to a projection $q \in \mathcal{O}_\infty$ such that $[q] = [1]$ in $K_0(\mathcal{O}_\infty)$.) Using cyclic permutation matrices in M_n and M_{n+1} , find projections $f_0^{(0)}, f_1^{(0)}, \dots, f_{n-1}^{(0)} \in M_n$ with $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f_j^{(0)} = 1$, projections $f_0^{(1)}, f_1^{(1)}, \dots, f_n^{(1)} \in M_{n+1}$ with $\sum_{j=0}^n f_j^{(1)} = 1$, and unitaries $v^{(0)} \in M_n$ and $v^{(1)} \in M_{n+1}$, such that $v^{(0)} f_j^{(0)} (v^{(0)})^* = f_{j+1}^{(0)}$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ (with indices taken mod n) and $v^{(1)} f_j^{(1)} (v^{(1)})^* = f_{j+1}^{(1)}$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ (with indices taken mod $n+1$). Define

$$\rho_1 = (\rho_0)^{\otimes d}: (M_n \oplus M_{n+1})^{\otimes d} \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_\infty)^{\otimes d} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \varphi \circ \rho_1: (M_n \oplus M_{n+1})^{\otimes d} \rightarrow A.$$

For $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$, define a unitary $w_k \in (M_n \oplus M_{n+1})^{\otimes d}$ by $w_k = z_1 \otimes z_2 \otimes \dots \otimes z_d$ with $z_k = (v^{(0)}, v^{(1)})$ and $z_j = 1$ for $j \neq k$. Let $\gamma: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \text{Aut}((\mathcal{O}_\infty)^{\otimes d})$ be the action such that $\gamma_{\delta_k} = \text{Ad}(\rho_1(w_k))$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$. For $\mu \in \{n, n+1\}^d$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$, set $\varepsilon_k = \mu_k - n \in \{0, 1\}$. Define an exact $(\mu, \{1\})$ -Rokhlin tower R_μ for γ by applying ρ_1 to the tensor product of the towers $(f_j^{(\varepsilon_k)})_{j=0}^{\mu_k-1}$ in $M_{\mu_k} \subset M_n \oplus M_{n+1}$. That is, for $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ with $0 \leq l_k < \mu_k$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$, set

$$e_l = f_{l_1}^{(\mu_1-n)} \otimes f_{l_2}^{(\mu_2-n)} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{l_d}^{(\mu_d-n)},$$

regard e_l as an element of $(M_n \oplus M_{n+1})^{\otimes d}$, and set $R_\mu = (\rho_1(e_l))_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d / \mu \mathbb{Z}^d}$. The towers R_μ together form an exact $(\{1\})$ -system R of Rokhlin towers for γ of size m .

Set $\varepsilon_0 = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \frac{\delta}{2}\right)$. Choose $u \in A$ such that $\|u\varphi(1 \otimes a)u^* - a\| < \varepsilon_0$ for all $a \in S$. Set $\psi = \text{Ad}(u) \circ \varphi$, and for $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ set

$$\beta_l = \psi \circ (\gamma_l \otimes \alpha_l) \circ \psi^{-1}.$$

We claim that $\beta \in W_d(F, \varepsilon, 2^d, m)$. Tensor all projections in all towers in R with 1_A , to get a system $R \otimes 1 = (R_\mu \otimes 1)_{\mu \in \{n, n+1\}^d}$ of Rokhlin towers for the action $\gamma \otimes \alpha$ of size m which is an exact G -system for any finite set $G \subset 1 \otimes A \subset (\mathcal{O}_\infty)^{\otimes d} \otimes A$. Set

$$1 \otimes S = \{1 \otimes a: a \in S\} \subset (\mathcal{O}_\infty)^{\otimes d} \otimes A.$$

Then $R \otimes 1$ is an exact $1 \otimes S$ -system of Rokhlin towers for $\gamma \otimes \alpha$, and $u\varphi(R \otimes 1)u^*$ (with the obvious meaning) is an exact $u\varphi(1 \otimes S)u^*$ -system of Rokhlin towers for β .

Let $\mu \in \{n, n+1\}^d$. Write $u\varphi(R_\mu \otimes 1)u^* = (q_l)_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d / \mu\mathbb{Z}^d}$. Let $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d / \mu\mathbb{Z}^d$. We must show that $\|\beta_{\delta_k}(q_l) - q_{l+\delta_k}\| < \varepsilon$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$ (recall that addition is mod $\mu\mathbb{Z}^d$) and that $\|aq_l - q_la\| < \varepsilon$ for all $a \in F$. For the first, we have $\beta_{\delta_k}(q_l) = q_{l+\delta_k}$ by construction. For the second, by construction $u\varphi(1 \otimes a)u^*$ commutes exactly with q_l . The choice of u implies that $\|u\varphi(1 \otimes a)u^* - a\| < \varepsilon_0 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Therefore $\|aq_l - q_la\| < \varepsilon$. The claim is proved.

It remains to prove that $\|\beta_{\delta_k}(a) - \alpha_{\delta_k}(a)\| < \delta$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$ and for all $a \in T$. For any $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and $a \in T$, we have

$$\|\beta_l(a) - \alpha_l(a)\| = \|u\varphi((\gamma_l \otimes \alpha_l)(\varphi^{-1}(u^*au))) - \alpha_l(a)\|.$$

Now

$$\|\varphi^{-1}(u^*au) - 1 \otimes a\| = \|a - u\varphi(1 \otimes a)u^*\| < \varepsilon_0$$

and, using $\delta_k(a) \in S$,

$$\|u\varphi((\gamma_{\delta_k} \otimes \alpha_{\delta_k})(1 \otimes a))u^* - \alpha_{\delta_k}(a)\| = \|u\varphi(1 \otimes \alpha_{\delta_k}(a))u^* - \alpha_{\delta_k}(a)\| < \varepsilon_0.$$

We conclude that $\|\beta_{\delta_k}(a) - \alpha_{\delta_k}(a)\| < \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon_0 \leq \delta$, as desired. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 5.13. Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra such that $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes A \cong A$, and let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Then there exists a dense G_δ -set in $\text{Act}_d(A)$ consisting of actions with the Rokhlin property.

Proof. This follows immediately from Lemmas 5.10, 5.11, and 5.12, using the Baire Category Theorem and the fact that the 2^d -tuple m of Lemma 5.12 has arbitrarily large minimum height. \square

Corollary 5.14. Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra such that $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes A \cong A$. Then there exists a dense G_δ -set in $\text{Aut}(A)$ consisting of automorphisms with the Rokhlin property as in Definition 5.5.

Proof. This follows immediately from Theorem 5.13 and Lemma 5.6. \square

Theorem 5.15. Let $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $D = \bigotimes_{n=1}^\infty M_r$ be the r^∞ UHF algebra. Let A be a separable unital C*-algebra such that $D \otimes A \cong A$, and let $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. Then there exists a dense G_δ -set in $\text{Act}_d(A)$ consisting of actions with the Rokhlin property.

Proof. The proof is essentially the same as that of Theorem 5.13. The difference is in Lemma 5.12, where we take m to be the 1-tuple consisting of $(r^n, r^n, \dots, r^n) \in \mathbb{Z}^d$. We still have an isomorphism $\varphi: D^{\otimes d} \otimes A \rightarrow A$ which is approximately unitarily equivalent to $a \mapsto 1 \otimes a$. We let $v \in M_{r^n}$ be a cyclic permutation matrix and let the Rokhlin tower consist of the rank one projections which are permuted. We take

$$w_k = 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots 1 \otimes v \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1$$

with v in the k th position. We take $\varphi_0: M_r \rightarrow D$ to be the inclusion $x \mapsto x \otimes 1$ of the first tensor factor. Then $\gamma_{\delta_k} \in \text{Aut}(D)$ is $\text{Ad}(\rho_1(w_k))$. \square

Corollary 5.16. Let A be as in Theorem 5.15. Then there exists a dense G_δ -set in $\text{Act}(A)$ consisting of automorphisms with the Rokhlin property as in Definition 5.5.

Proof. This follows immediately from Theorem 5.15 and Lemma 5.6. \square

Theorem 5.17. Let G be a finite group of cardinality r , and let D be the r^∞ UHF algebra. Let A be a separable unital C^* -algebra, and let $\text{Act}_G(A)$ denote the set of actions of G on A . For any enumeration $S = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ of a countable dense subset of A , the formula

$$\rho_{G,S}(\alpha, \beta) = \sup_{g \in G} \rho(\alpha_g, \beta_g)$$

defines a complete metric on $\text{Act}_G(A)$ which induces the restriction to $\text{Act}_G(A)$ of the product topology on $\text{Aut}(A)^G$. If A is unital and $D \otimes A \cong A$, then the set of actions with the Rokhlin property is a dense G_δ -set in $\text{Act}_G(A)$.

Proof. The proof of the part about the metric is the same as the proof of Lemma 5.8.

The proof of the second part is similar to that of Theorem 5.13 and the lemmas used there. For a finite set $F \subset A$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, we define $W_G(F, \varepsilon) \subset \text{Act}_G(A)$ to be the set of all $\alpha \in \text{Act}_G(A)$ such that there are projections $e_g \in A$ for $g \in G$ with $\sum_{g \in G} e_g = 1$, with $\|\alpha_g(e_h) - e_{gh}\| < \varepsilon$ for all $g, h \in G$, and with $\|e_g a - a e_g\| < \varepsilon$ for all $g \in G$ and $a \in A$. The sets $W_G(F, \varepsilon)$ are open by an argument similar to the proof of Lemma 3.5. Choose a countable dense subset $S \subset A$, and let \mathcal{F} be the set of all finite subsets of S . One checks that $\alpha \in \text{Act}_G(A)$ has the Rokhlin property if and only if $\alpha \in \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \bigcap_{r=1}^\infty W_G(F, \frac{1}{r})$.

In the proof of the analog of Lemma 5.12, we use an isomorphism $\varphi: D \otimes A \rightarrow A$ (rather than from $D^{\otimes d} \otimes A$) which is approximately unitarily equivalent to $a \mapsto 1 \otimes a$. We take $\varphi_1: M_r \rightarrow D$ to be the inclusion $x \mapsto x \otimes 1$ of the first tensor factor. We define an action $\gamma: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(D)$ as follows. Identify M_r with $L(l^2(G))$, let $g \mapsto w_g \in M_r$ be the left regular representation of G , and take $\gamma_g = \text{Ad}(\varphi_1(w_g))$. The Rokhlin tower in M_r is taken to be $(e_g)_{g \in G}$ with e_g being the projection onto the span of the standard basis vector in $l^2(G)$ corresponding to $g \in G$. The rest of the proof of Lemma 5.12 goes through with the obvious changes. \square

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